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**To:** 'Sarah Palin'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

**Subject:** from the board CONFIDENTIAL

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Lynne

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:51 PM

**To:** Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

**Cc:** Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)

**Subject:** FW: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

**Just an FYI**, this is what DOC sent, per my request, to Sen. Wielechowski regarding the latest media reports. Bill had inquired about these two issues and asked for "the other side of the story." I suspect this won't stop Bill from requesting an audit from LB&A, but that's his prerogative. Joe Schmidt is aware of this e-mail, also. I asked him to sign off on it.

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**From:** Schmitz, Richard F (DOC)
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:54 PM
**To:** senator_bill_weilechowski@legis.state.ak.us; Sydeman, Michelle (LAA); Ascott, George (LAA)
**Cc:** Peeples, Dwayne B (DOC); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Wilkerson, April A (DOC)
**Subject:** RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Good Afternoon:

Here is the response to your request for information to the Department of Corrections. Please contact me if any clarification is needed.

> **MRSA is a staph bacteria that is resistant to most antibiotics. As far as the suggestion that there is an 'outbreak of MRSA' in DOC prisons, here is what Dr. Luban, DOC Medical Officer, explained in simple form:**
>
> ***MRSA exists in most places where people concentrate with their skin exposed, such as school locker rooms, athletic clubs, hospitals, prisons. When a person is exposed to MRSA it becomes a problem when a person's immune system is weak or compromised (such as being in poor health) or when MRSA is exposed to an open cut or sore. The way to prevent exposure is through hand washing, keeping open cuts or sores closed or protected...and maintaining good hygiene. DOC staff understands when taking the job that they could be exposed to some dangerous situations such as inmates who throw bodily fluids, or who have Hepatitis C, Aids or MRSA.***
>
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I hope this is helpful.

Richard

**Richard F. Schmitz**
Special Assistant for Communications
907 465 4640 (my desk)
907 465 3390 (fax)
907 209 5245 (mobile)

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**Cc:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

**Subject:** Commissioner of Education

Governor,

I talked to Barbara Thompson. This afternoon when the Board gives her a name or names, she will call me with the information to forward. It is my understanding that while you will be at an event in Wasilla, you will be accessible by email. I will email you and Mike with the information from Barbara. Depending on what name (or names) is given, we will proceed from there.

The meeting is scheduled from 1:00 – 3:00, so it is hard to know precisely when the call will come, but I will get it to you as soon as possible.

Lynne

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**Subject:** Barrow and Anchorage Judicial Nominees

We received 2 packets from the Judicial Council.

<u>Barrow Superior Court</u>
R. Poke Haffner – Fairbanks
Michael Jeffery – Barrow

<u>Anchorage District Court</u>
Catherine M. Easter – Anchorage
Richard "Bruce" Roberts – Anchorage
David Robert Wallace – Anchorage

I'll get with Janice on interview scheduling and timeframe.

Frank Bailey
Director, Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Sarah Palin
907.465.3934 - Juneau
907.269.7450 - Anchorage

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:15 PM

**To:** paymckhea@yahoo.com

**Cc:** Sarah Palin

**Subject:** AK Regional Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Wed., 04.30.08 - 12:00 Noon

**Importance:** High

Hi Molly –

As discussed if you would please pass this email on to Heather and Karina. The Governor has been invited to the Alaska Regional Hospital Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, 04.30.08. This will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on the top floor in Josephine's starting at 12:00 p.m. The Governor will be reading a Proclamation and has invited you all to join her in lunch.

They have asked for a confirmation of attendees as they will have name tags made and also I need to let them know of everyone's pick of entrée'.

Top Sirloin or Mango Salmon

Thank you so much for your assistance in this - Janice

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**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

**Subject:** Steve Quinn interview

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Deputy Press Secretary
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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:38 PM
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Steve Quinn interview

I thot it was this weekend. When does he need this?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

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**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Telephone Call

Pls have her try to call me. It may be a difficult logisitical arrangement, but she can try.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 15:26:55

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Telephone Call

I just had a call from her office again asking if you were available. She is in the Texas airport and apparently has cell phone coverage.

Contact: Privileged or Pers

She will be in the airport and available until approx. 4:15 p.m. today. Janice

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**Subject:** FW: Labor

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:42 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Labor

Web mail from: Ms. Bonita Carroll

address: 2580 Rue de la Paix Wasilla AK 99654

907-357-4277

MESSAGE:

A little "tongue in cheek" there as I wanted to add our congratulations on the new arrival but didn't find an appropriate category. He is indeed a special gift from God.

Bonita & Dick Carroll

rcarroll@mtaonline.net

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**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:41 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Glenna DuFresne

address: POBox 347 Glennallen AK 99588

MESSAGE:

We extend prayers and best wishes upon the birth of your newest son, Trig (a good Scandinavian name :-) It was great to see him on the news last night (april 23). He is a cutie. We really appreciate your devotion to him and your willingness to commit to him and his needs (not that you wouldn't). In this day and age, it isn't always so. Be assured of our prayers for you and Todd during the years to come.

A comment on the Juneau power disaster - if the loss of Juneau's hydro is declared a disater, what does that say about the rest of Alaska where the high costs of diesel generated power are an everyday occurance? In Glennallen we pay much more in fuel surcharge than we do for the power itself. I know....we choose to live here, but.....

Glenna DuFresne, an Alaskan since 1950

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Web mail from: Ms. Jennifer Dailey

address: 1220 Glacier Ave Juneau AK 99801

MESSAGE:

So is our Governor Palin really considering to go on the presidential ticket?

I'm not to sure that'll be a very good idea, i think Alaska isan't ready for too quick of a change in leadership from palin to parnell. alaska is still recovering from the drastic cuts and direction from its previous Governor. i think in leadership positions it is better to finish a job before taking on a new one unless that person can put in an eqeal amount of time into both.

kitten_1220@yahoo.com

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:09 PM
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**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Ivy personal; Haagenson; Steven H (AIDEA)
**Subject:** Fw: Updated Memo on Motot Fuel tax holiday

Rhonda- Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
Privileged or Personal Material Redacted I wish lawmakers would have adopted more relief measures than PCE funding and weatherization measures. We'll keep you in the loop on what where we can go with all this for rural and urban areas.

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 12:09 PM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Cc: Barnhill, Michael A (LAW)

Subject: Updated Memo on Motot Fuel tax holiday

Here you go. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Chris Poag.

Department of Law

Assistant Attorney General

P.O. Box 110300

Juneau, Alaska 99811-0300

Tel: (907) 465-4132

Fax: (907) 465-2539

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:58 PM
**To:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Please Don't Veto Common Sense Energy!

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**From:** mark gnadt [mailto:mark.gnadt@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:10 PM
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
**Subject:** Please Don't Veto Common Sense Energy!

Dear Governor Palin,
First, congratulations on the birth of your child. Aren't they amazing! Please do not veto the money for the Fire Island wind project. With a gasline still a few years away and demand always on the rise, renewable sources are a great way to bridge that gap and diversify our power sources for the future. If it's the bottom line you're worried about, taking money from the controversial Juneau road extension would more than cover this broadly-supported project.
Thank you, and best wishes for your family,
Mark Gnadt
Barrow

## Unknown

**From:** Mike Oliver [MIKEO@ltia.lynden.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:08 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com; Mike Oliver; Alex McKallor; Gail Knapp

**Subject:** Kensington Gold Project

Mr. Pete Griffin, District Ranger
Alaska Region – Tongass National Forest
Juneau Ranger District
8510 Mendenhall Loop Road
Juneau, AK 99801

**Re: Comments on U.S. Forest Service SIR on Modified Plan of Operations for the Kensington Gold Project**

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I am writing in support of the new SIR prepared for the paste tailings change at Kensington which meets all NEPA requirements. No new SEIS or EA should be necessary, given the analysis provided in the SIR and three previous EIS's, supported by over 1000 studies and $35 million in environmental baseline engineering and design studies.

The PTF will use the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) outfall previously permitted after a NEPA analysis. The PTF will also use the existing water treatment facility which has been shown to be effective in meeting state and federal water quality standards.

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The Kensington project is very important to the economy and future of Southeast Alaska and I am confident that the SIR process provides the environmental analysis to allow Coeur to proceed with this plan and the opportunity for open comment on this SIR enables involvement by public as required by the Conservation Groups.

Respectfully,

Mike Oliver

Michael W. Oliver
Vice President, Sales
**Lynden Transport, Inc.**
206-575-9547
mikeo@lynden.com

10/22/2009

## Unknown

**From:** Gail Knapp [GAILK@aml.lynden.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:00 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com; Kevin Anderson

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*Gail Knapp*
*President*
*Alaska Marine Lines, Inc.*
*100 Mount Roberts Street*
*Juneau, Alaska*
*www.shipaml.com*

**Unknown**

**From:** jcc@alaska.com on behalf of Juneau Chamber [jcc@alaska.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:02 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us; thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com

**Subject:** Comments on U.S. Forest Service SIR regarding Kensington

Dear Mr. Griffin,

Please see attached letter regarding comments on U.S. Forest Service SIR on Modified Plan of Operations for the Kensington Gold Project

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathie Roemmich, CEO
Juneau Chamber of Commerce
3100 Channel Drive, Suite 300
Juneau, Alaska 99801

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:24 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:21 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: David McWilliams

address: 419 N 14th St Lebanon PA 17046

717-503-4921

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your son, Trig Paxson.

davidbmac@deboor.biz

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
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**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:21 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Suzie Smith

address: 4305 S. Albright Dr Holladay UT 84124

801-272-7065

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Hi, I am Suzie Smith, the state president of the Utah Down Syndrome Foundation.

I was just sent an email stating that you had recently given birth to son with Down syndrome. First, I would like to say congratulations on the birth of your child. Second, I would like to offer you one of our Utah Down Syndrome Foundation Newborn Booklets. I don't know if Alaska has a support group with a booklet like ours. I know I have sent our's as far as Japan.

You can learn more about our organization at www.udsf.org. Please feel free to contact me at either mom24-7@comcast.net or suzie@udsf.org.

We have a poster that states "A baby first..." Enjoy your new son he has just opened up a whole new world for you and your family!

Sincerely,

Suzie Smith

State President

Utah Down Syndrome Foundation

P.O. Box 675

Salt Lake City, UT 84110

877-499-UDSF

801-446-1994

www.udsf.org

mom24-7@comcast.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:16 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: General_Administration

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:17 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Ms. Becky Savo

address: PO Box 109 Naknek AK 99633

907-246-6548

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful son! May your family have many years of joy with such a nice family. Hope you are feeling well, don't work too hard before you recover. Again, Best wishes. Becky Savo

beckys@bristolbay.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:16 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:36 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Karen Carr

address: 225 Winona ST N.E. Chatfield MN 55923

507-867-3961

MESSAGE:

CONGRATULATIONS, Gov. Palin:

Welcome to the wonderful community of Down Syndrome. You truly have been blessed. My Jaime is, now, seven. She is our sixth child. At 45, I was the "poster child" for the older mother who had a baby with Down's. It's a club we don't volunteer for beforehand...but once you're there you become grateful for being chosen!

As you already know all children have challenges. None of my other children, aged 22-10 years, looks like they'll be rocket scientists either :)

Jaime is a sweet natured girl who has made us better people without speaking a word. If I had a pill, today, to take away the Downs...I would not! It is a part of the essence of who she is. Yes, there were tears in the beginning. At six months I was nursing her. I burst out laughing. Looking down into her face, I couldn't believe I had been so silly to be afraid of how she would change our lives.

You will be amazed that your life will actually become better after Downs. WELCOME!

If there is anything I can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Karen Carr

And if you ever need my pro-life vote I'm there for you!

K2Carr@earthlink.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:14 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:47 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. David Luke

address: 1332 Pavoreal San Clemente CA 92673

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your fifth child! Our family's fifth is due in June. It was so refreshing and uplifting to read your statements in the press about welcoming Trig as the blessing that he is! Thank you for reminding people throughout the country and the world that all life is truly sacred. May God bless you and your family!

david_luke@armtech.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:14 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:55 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. John Goodrich

address: P.O. Box 355 Mystic CT 06355

860 441-3643 or 860 536-9950

MESSAGE:

You have my profound respect and admiration for your poignant words concerning the birth of your fifth child with Down syndrome. I have a daughter with the same handicap who is now 32 years old. I was thrilled to hear Glenn Beck's comments and richly deserved praise for you on his TV program. I only wish we had a governor like you here in Connecticut! Every resident of Alaska can be justifiably proud. May God bless you always.

jcgoodrich@comcast.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 1:10 PM
**To:** 'paul@akipl.org'
**Subject:** RE: Legal_and_lawsuits

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 12:56 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Legal_and_lawsuits

Web mail from: Mr. Paul Klitzke

address: 955 Sunrise Mountain Circle Wasilla AK 99654

9079821231

MESSAGE:

I hope that you will support our renewable and sustainable energy funds recently approved by the Legislature

paul@akipl.org

## Unknown

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 12:07 PM
**To:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Cc:** Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)
**Subject:** Cabinet Mtg

Mike- we're due for a cabinet mtg, even if I can only participate via phone. Kris can help organize from the Anchorage end. Pls let her know best day/time for this, sooner the better. Main topic must be budget (as usual) as the veto process could/should begin soon. Also, support for Joe will be a highlight.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:32 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:18 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Kathaleen Hammons

address: 22170 Panchoville Rd. Jennings LA 70546

337-277-5557

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin, I am here now visiting your beautiful state, my husband and I will be moving here in July,(Company transfer) I want to congratulate you on your new little one, who is as you said "VERY SPECIAL." It was 47 years ago my mom, after having 7 children, was blessed one more time, this time with a "VERY SPECIAL" little lady named Ms. Eva, who is Downs also, she is the love of our lives. My Mom always told us the Lord only gives "SPECIAL CHILDREN" to "SPECIAL FAMILIES", she was right, her children know that it also took a "SPECIAL MOM" to help Ms. Eva thru life. There were many challenges my parents faced with her, but I know they would not change a thing they did to help Ms. Eva become the sweet caring young lady she is today. Today, my Dad & Ms. Eva help care for my "SPECIAL MOM" who is 88 yrs old, & bedridden, she sometimes forgets what day it is, where she is & sometimes mistake her children for her siblings, but she always recognizes, Ms. Eva. As my "SPECIAL MOM" wo

uld say "HE" saved the BEST for last, that "HE" did. Your children may want to read a book, my children read called, "The Man Who Loved Clowns" By June Rae Wood. Feel Blessed for your "SPECIAL CHILD" & May you enjoy him, for he will Love like no other child. God Bless you and your family. I Thank You for your time. Kathaleen Lopez Hammons

lucy57@live.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:12 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:20 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. James and Eva Norton

address: 2711 Twin Valley Rd. Troy MO 63379

573-384-6155

MESSAGE:

May I congratulate you on the birth of your new blessing! We heard of this on the Glenn Beck show and are so impressed by your attitude about this child. The children with Down's Syndrome are surely an added benefit to families, although this is not recognized by the system.

May I say how glad we are to have a person with your values in a place of leadership. The Republicans surely could use some more people of your persuasion. We will be praying for you and yours.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. James Norton

maryah@windstream.net

## Unknown

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:02 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Cc:** Todd
**Subject:** Re: Sched

And today, for sched is NANA mining presentation at Bartlett Democratic Club, noon... That if I make it I'm just in the audience as an attendee - if I can't make it Todd will represent me at the meeting.

------Original Message------

From: Janice Mason

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Kris Perry

Sent: Apr 24, 2008 9:54 AM

Subject: RE: Sched

On Calendar - Janice

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:40 AM

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Sched

9:15 tuesday april 29 appt in wasilla.

Sent from my BlackBerry(r) device from Cellular One

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:59 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:28 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Susan and Bill Reynolds

address: 2720 VAn Buren St PO Box 994 Weedsport NY 13166

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

We are from Upstate NY with great interests in Alaska's news...Our oldest/Faith is stationed in Cordova as an officer on the USCGC Sycamore and our son/Graham graduates from West Point next month to be an officer at Fort Wainwright.

Today we write b/c of our youngest daughter/Libby - who has severe cerebral palsy...secondary to being a beautifully strong and talented 19yr old. To make a long story short - Faith and Graham are doing so well b/c of the strength they have developed thru their love of sister Libby. We feel your comment RE: Trig's birth ("We have faith that every baby is created for good purpose and has potential to make this world a better place. We are truly blessed.") was so powerful and will impact communities and support families. In 19+yrs, we have never been so moved or inspired as your faithful and refreshing comment has made us feel. No mission statement from any agency/school/advocacy group... could of said it better than you have; we are 'family first' and 'child first'. God Bless little Trig and his family. SIncerely. The Reynolds Family

bthedog@twcny.rr.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:56 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:18 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Noel Diedrich

address: 2240 Hendry Place Maplewood MN 55117

651-776-3436

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on your new baby. May you, your baby, and all your family be blessed abundantly. What a beautiful example you are for everyone. No one is perfect, we all have defects of one kind or another. You have shown to everyone that each life is precious. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Noel A Diedrich

noel.diedrich@co.ramsey.mn.us

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:56 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 8:43 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Gene Deveney

address: 118 Garden Street Hoboken NJ 07030

201 6839495

MESSAGE:

Governor;

As a strong supporter and worker in the PRO LIFE MOVEMENT, I salute you.

You are indeed a great example of honoring the sanctity of life.

God bless you and your family especially your newborn.

yeneved@optonline.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:53 AM
**To:** 'arthur@corlissfamily.org'
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:55 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Arthur Corliss

address: 3611 Hollyberry Circle Anchorage AK 99507

MESSAGE:

I am writing to protest the sheer idiocy of our state budget. Knowing that lean times are ahead is not a license to frivolously waste what windfalls we have at present. Nor does it take more than a few brain cells to realize that any capital improvements we undertake now are going to require an increased operational budget to maintain. An increase that will be more difficult to bare in the coming years.

Unfortunately, it seems that all of Juneau is bereft of those few brain cells, since the lot of you seem hell bent on spending our largess like a drunken sailor.

We have long had a ridiculous expenditure on a per-capita basis, and your little band of fools has managed to compound that idiocy by orders of a magnitude.

If you claim the title of fiscal conservative, and the "responsible" party in Juneau then you are a bald-faced liar. No one in Juneau has earned that title.

arthur@corlissfamily.org

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:50 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:46 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Susan Miller

address: 97-6 North Road Fremont NH 03044

6036799854

MESSAGE:

I saw a piece that Glenn Back did about your family last night on TV. 20 years ago my husband and I welcomed our sweet Brian into our lives. He too has Downs and yes, you ARE truly blessed. There has not been one day that has gone by that I haven't been truly grateful and humbled by the gift God has given us.

It brought tears to my eyes to hear your press release and I wish much peace and happiness for your family!

God Bless!

suem@ftp-inc.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:48 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:57 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Katarina Lindberger

address: Hultvagen 30, 184 44 Akersberga, Sweden OS 18444

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

we would just like to send our warmest welcome to Trig and a big congratiolation to you and your family. As you already know, you all have a wonderful time ahead of you, being a parent and a sister/brother to this little boy.

We wish you all the best,

Katarina and Lars Lindberger

Proud parents of three beautiful boys

(the middle one, Jesper, is 8 yrs old and was born with Down Syndrome. Today he goes to school, plays with his friends, knows the alphabet, can count to 100 and more, he writes, he almost reads, he is a perfect child and a great joy to us! Just like his brothers are.)

katarina@lindberger.se

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:48 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:50 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Nicole Bishop

address: 2307 NE 33rd St. Cape Coral FL 33909

239-574-1958

MESSAGE:

CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of your little boy. We are thrilled at the family's comments about his birth. My husband and I are raising our 6 year old granddaughter Andrea who also has Down Syndrome. Her Mother (our daughter) died almost 3 years ago so we have full custody of her. Just in case you don't know, these are some of the most loving and affectionate children and they add so much to your lives. You are in for a real treat. You and your husband will face challenges with him that you have not had to face with your other children, probably but you will also experience more joy than you ever thought possible. We call them our "angels" and feel so blessed to have them on the earth with us. With early intervention, it is amazing what these children can accomplish. I could go on and on about them but I will just say again: CONGRATULATIONS and our best wishes for a very long and rewarding life for all of you. Most sincerely, Andrea's grandma (but now Mommy!)

nbishop99@aol.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:47 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:34 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Maureen Griffin

address: 7 Hemlock Dr Enfield CT 06082

(860) 253-9763

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your beloved son. May he and your entire family be enveloped by God's loving care as you deal with any complications in his life. What a blessing for you all to have each other. Our family will be keeping your family in our prayers.

mdgriffin@cox.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:47 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:23 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mary Burkhart

address: 13436 County Road 17 Fort Morgan CO 80701

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on your new son!! I have a 14 year-old son with Down Syndrome and I LOVE your perspective. As you begin therapies and integrate them into your hectic schedule - there will inevitably be times when you get discouraged. It's NORMAL to get frustrated, but NEVER give up! Please don't make the mistake we did and focus so much on education and therapy that his social life falls through the cracks. Kids need friends, peers are critical to their happiness. My son is happily looking forward to high school in August, and is active in 4-H club activities and is the manager of his school football team. We work hard to see that he is treated like his peers as much as possible. Again, congratulations on your new baby. Keep your positive attitude and the sky's the limit!!!

Sincerely,

Mary

burkhart@kci.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:44 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:47 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. TRIG OLESON

address: 504 E 7TH ST EUDORA KS 66025

785-542-3350

MESSAGE:

DEAR GOV. PALIN: CONGRATS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR FIFTH CHILD, AND YOUR EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR HIS FIRST NAME. I HAVE MET VERY FEW PEOPLE WITH THE FIRST NAME OF TRIG, IT IS VERY SPECIAL. I WAS BORN ON 11/7/1951 IN LAWRENCE KS, AND WAS NAMED ALF TRIGVA HAUFF OLESON II AFTER MY FATHER. I HAVE ALWAYS GONE BY TRIG, AND EVERYONE HAS ALWAYS CALLED ME TRIGGER. I KNOW YOU ARE VERY BUSY, BUT I HOPE THIS E-MAIL PUTS A SMILE ON YOUR FACE. BEST OF LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND IF YOU EVER COME THROUGH EUDORA KS, STOP BY AND LET ME MEET TRIG. HAVE A GREAT DAY. TRIG OLESON 504 E 7TH ST EUDORA KS 66025 785-542-3350

trigger77@sunflower.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:43 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:37 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Cheri Huntington

address: 1335 Garland Road South Bend IN 46614

574-360-1270

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Our family was so moved by your beautiful story as told by Glenn Beck on Wednesday evening. I was in the kitchen and did not hear Glenn's story, but afterwards, my husband told me. I had to disappear into the living room of my home, lights off, to feel your joy, and then my sorrow for the loss of my conjoint twins nearly 10 years ago.

I have great faith and God in my life. My husband, Tom, a physician does too, as do our five children. It was only through God's loving presence in my life, through the gift of his Holy Spirit, that I was able to grieve and handle the pain. Many people in my life without really knowing what to say, told me that the twin's , half-way through my pregnancy, was for the better. My friends from church understood how I felt though. With God ALL things are possible. I missed the opportunity to share in the twins life and love them, just as they were. I know that we will be re-united in heaven and will recognize one another.

Last night I was so overwhelmed with emotion that you and your husband and family felt just like we did and still do. That a baby is a beautiful and miraculous gift from God, to be loved and nurtured. God bless you and your family. Your son is beautiful! We wish you a lifetime of joy.

In Christ's love,

Cheri Huntington

jakescheri@yahoo.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:42 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:53 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Juliet Van Scoyk

address: 10324 Vista Pines Loop Clermont FL 34711

MESSAGE:

Congratulations to you and your family on the birth of your son! I have a nine month old daughter who has Down Syndrome which we didn't know until she was born. We feel truly blessed that she chose our family to be born into, as we do our older son. God bless you and your family! Juliet Van Scoyk

juliet.vanscoyk@vacationclub.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:41 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 2:04 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Jon Reynolds

address: 548 Brandermill Road Evans GA 30809

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Recently on the Glenn Beck cable show, he talked about the addition of a son to your family. Just wanted to congratulate you and your husband on the wonderful and wondrous gift God has put into your lives.

Ciao and God bless...Jon Reynolds

rwjon1@aol.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:40 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:16 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Mary Croffut

address: 6951 Royal Court Anchorage AK 99502

907-243-7454

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah,

Congratulations on Trig. You both are beautiful parents. Trig is very lucky to have both of you and have a brother and sisters.

I was blessed with four children who are David, Tom, Mike, and John Paul. My girl came between Mike and John Paul but she had Downs and did not make it to six months because she had an extra chromosome. I stared at the paper when they gave it to me. Those three extra xxx's killed me. I counted the xxx's many times to make sure they were right on the numbers.

You are doing wonderful things for our state. Keep your chin up. We will be praying for you. I watched you on TV at the Prayer Breakfast. You gave a touching speech. Fly on that airplane anytime you want. Go girl!!!

If you need a babysitter I will help. Chuck (at Gladys Wood) will vouch for my abilities. He is a wonderful person and a great teacher!

Love and Prayers,

Mary Croffut

crowair@hotmail.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:39 AM
**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: General_Administration

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 11:06 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: General_Administration

Web mail from: Mr. Raj Bathija

address: 800 \'F\' street, Unit N-3 Juneau AK 99801

907-586-5741

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Congrats on the new addition to your family.May God bless you & your family.

As of now you must have recieved a ton of e-mails regarding AEL&P & the power issue.Here is one more of the same but I had to write ,what we will be facing if this is not dealt with a way other than paying approx..50cts a kw.

We live year all year round since last 7 years , have a family bussiness downtown & our main revenue comes from the tourists in the summer.Our store power bill used to be about $1000-$1200

every month during the summer months.

I hope you can imagine if we have to pay an extra $15000-$25000

a year HOW MUCH MORE BUSSINESS WE WILL NEED TO DO TO MAKE THAT KIND OF MONEY IN THIS ALREADY COMPETITIVE MARKET.HOW WILL WE SURVIVE ALL YEAR ROUND WITH THIS KIND OF EXTRA EXPENCE not taking into consideration the home power bills for ourselves & our employees?

If there is a calamity or an emergency in my bussiness I cannot increase the price of my product to cover the expence of the emergency.I have to bear the loss & move on. Why can't AEL&P?

All over the USA.IF THERE IS A CALIMITY OR EMERGENCY PRICE HIKE IS FROZEN,WHY NOT IN JUNEAU,ALASKA?

What happened to all the profits it has been making or should have made ,being in bussiness so long.

As monoply is critisised all over the USA, WHY ARE WE LETTING THIS HAPPEN IN JUNEAU UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.

I STILL REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE ELECTED AS GOVERNOR,WE WERE GLAD THAT WE HAVE A PERSON WHO CARES FOR THE COMMON PEOPLE & LOCALS.

I AM SURE YOU WILL NOT DISSAPOINT US.

RAJ.

907-586-5741

raj99801@yahoo.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:37 AM
**To:** Fabrello; Michelle A (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:16 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. David Frankl

address: 10331 Stewart Dr. Eagle River AK 99577

907.696.8517

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I trust that you and your expanding family are well. I hope that all of you are getting some sleep. I hope that you will give consideration to the following re: the National Day of Prayer.

I am writing to express my concern about the National Day of Prayer and the limitations on who can participate in it.

When President Truman initiated a National Prayer Day in 1952, he intended for it to embrace all Americans whatever their faith tradition. Now it appears that conservative Christian evangelicals, led by Shirley Dobson (wife of James Dobson) and their organization Focus on the Family, have taken over this event. Calling themselves the National Day of Prayer Task Force, they are excluding Jews, Muslims, Catholics, Buddhists and even mainline Christians from National Prayer Day events scheduled for May 1, 2008.

The National Day of Prayer Task Force requires volunteer coordinators to sign a pledge stating: "I commit that NDP activities I serve with will be conducted solely by Christians while those with differing beliefs are welcome to attend." The coordinators must also sign a statement of faith which includes the following language: "I believe that the Holy Bible is the inerrant Word of The Living God. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One by which I can obtain salvation and have an ongoing relationship with God."

This clearly aligns a government-sponsored event with a particular Christian denomination, in violation of the basic provisions of the First Amendment to the Constitution, establishing the separation of church and state.

I understand that you have not yet issued a proclamation calling for a National Day of Prayer on May 1. When you do so, I urge you to make sure that your proclamation calls for an inclusive national day of prayer, one that embraces every faith tradition, encourages clergy from diverse faith traditions to participate and truly reflects the best values in our nation.

Sincerely yours,

David Frankl, MD, MPH

frankls@mac.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:36 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:01 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Cindy Hahn

address: 1424 Marcelina Ave Torrance CA 90501

MESSAGE:

God bless you Governor Palin!

cyndamarin@yahoo.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:35 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Cc:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Education

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 8:46 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Education

Web mail from: Ms. Carol Taylor

address: PO Box 875391 Wasilla AK 99687

907-352-7510

MESSAGE:

Hi Sarah!

I am happy to announce that the Teeland Middle School Science Olympiad team won the Alaska State Science Olympiad meet (middle School division). 17 of our top students will be representing Wasilla and Alaska at the National Science Olympiad Tournament at George Washington University in our Nation'a Capitol in May.

We are so proud of our students' accomplishments. They are some of our brightest and best future scientists, architects, physicians and engineers.

We would love to have you stop by Teeland to meet our team and to celebrate their accomplishments.

We are busy raising the $28,000 needed to fund our trip. If you are aware of any help the Alaska legislature can provide, we would welcome any help that can be provided.

And congratulations on the new addition to your family. George and I were at your Mom and Dad's house the day prior to Trig's birth at the rally for Linda Menard's candidacy. We couldn't have been more surprised at the quick addition to your family. We are in awe!

Blessings, Carol Taylor

Teeland Nurse and Science Olympiad coach

carol.taylor@matsuk12.us

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:34 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 8:09 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Gari Normand

address: 4508 Cassin Drive Anchorage AK 99507

907-563-6839

MESSAGE:

Congratulations Todd and Sarah on the new addition to your family, Trig Paxson Van Palin.

Todd I haven't seen you for years so I just had to say hello and congratulations. Say "Hi" to your dad for me.

Gari Normand

normand@gci.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:34 AM
**To:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: University_of_Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 8:02 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: University_of_Alaska

Web mail from: Mr. Thomas Packer

address: 53332 Emmanuel Ave. Anchorage AK 99508

(907) 337-2243

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

May we first congratulate you and your husband on the birth of your new son, Trig Paxson Van Palin. What a wonderful name for a very loved and special child.

We have been long time supporters of the University of Alaska ,

Anchorage and particularly it's athletic programs. Both our men's and women's basketball teams had an outstanding season this year and UAA hosted the Western NCAA Basketball Regionals. The Wells Fargo Sports Arena proved less then adequate to accommodate the demand for seats for this event as well as many other sporting events during it's many years of existance.

We truly feel our athletes and students deserve a much bigger and improved facility to maintain the excellence of all the sporting events offered at UAA.

The community of Anchorage has always supported UAA and a new facility would enhance that support.

We respectfully ask that you consider signing the pending bill asking for $15,000,000 to fund the planning and site preparation of a new sports arena.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas and Victoria Packer

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:33 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Rural/Native

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 7:37 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Rural/Native

Web mail from: Mr. Aaron shaw

address: Box602 Nenana AK 99760

907832-1013/378-8894

MESSAGE:

hi this is Aaron Shaw palin i am Down sydrome to like your new Baby the kid is very nice to can you sent Aaron your address

pleace to i will give the down syDrome to my confess to it will be at bason love Aaron shaw

agabyman@mtaonline.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:32 AM
**To:** 'jrsaccone@yahoo.com'
**Subject:** RE: Economic_Development

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 7:30 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Economic_Development

Web mail from: Joseph Saccone

address: 13810 Vasili dr Eagle River AK 99577

(907)696-5653

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin

With the rising cost of fuel,I dont expect to see as many tourist as we seen in the past.If our State could some how manage to lower our gas prices for the tourist season.We would attract the moterhomes campers ect...It would be a great econmic shot in the arm.Shop owners B&Bs,charter boats,and everone related to the industry would benifit.Also it would be good for us Alaskans for just afew months to pay lower gas bills.It was just a thought have a great day.

Joseph R Saccone

jrsaccone@yahoo.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:54 AM
**To:** Wilken; Jessica M (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: AGIA -- Conoco/Philips -- BP -- Gas Line

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**From:** Paul Elkins [mailto:pselks@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:59 AM
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
**Cc:** Senator Thomas Wagoner; Chenault, Mike (LAA)
**Subject:** AGIA -- Conoco/Philips -- BP -- Gas Line

Dear Governor Palin

First congratulations on the birth of **Trig Paxon Van Palin**, he is indeed a lucky kid to have such a terrific mother and father.

I Will express some of my thoughts on the subject, I am not nor do I claim to be an expert on this subject but I believe many Alaskans feel the same way. I am sure that all Alaskans want a gas pipe-line and the sooner the better, I believe your AGIA project has produced some good results in this direction and has resulted in bringing the industry(Conoco/Philips and BP so far) on board. I think their proposal has some Merritt but we have received many such proposals in the past and no results. I ask you to keep holding their feet to the fire, I'm sure it will take a lot of heat to get them to join in and build a line. I would think that getting all the permits necessary to cross Canada will be a big task, I have read that Trans-Canada has the permits if true this should be a big bargaining chip.

Recently former Governor Hickel wrote an opt-ed stating the advantages of the Valdez line, I know this has been dropped from consideration but would seem to have some Merritt?

Please do not drop AGIA and accept their offer without a guarantee of producing a line; from past promises I wouldn't hold my breath.

Now on to the Point Thompson field; I believe it should be taken back and re-bid, 30 years is more than enough time for Exxon to produce.

Paul and Martha Elkins

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:31 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 7:08 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Patricia Stebbins

address: 41 Easterly Drive East Sandwich MA 02537

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin and Family,

I have just read of the birth of your special gift from God and wish you all the joy and happiness that this little one will bring to each of you. I also thank God for people like you who recognize the value of all human life.

For 23 years I was a Special Education Teacher here in Massachusetts and know so well the loving and lovable nature of children with Down Syndrome. It was my privilege and delight to see them grow, learn and bring the gift of their beautiful innocence to all around them.

With respect and love -

Patricia Stebbins

East Sandwich, MA

paste41@comcast.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:30 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:55 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Roberta Rinehart

address: 16461 Saint James circle Anchorage, AK 99516

907-522-5456

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of your son. I am 38 now but when I was going to middle shcool (Mears Junior High here in Anchorage), my dad used to teach children experiencing downs syndrom how to swim. Since I was on the swim team, I would go with him and help. Everyone was so nice, thoughtful and loving. It was the best group of human beings I have ever been around. They had christ-spirit. My dad called them little "little buddhas". Enjoy your angel. And best wishes, Bobi

bobi@donobi.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:25 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:44 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Vicki Gross

address: 29 Summerwood Drive Stafford VA 22554

540-720-2456

MESSAGE:

Congradulations on the birth on your son. He will be a blessing. I have two kids Logan is 4 with Down Syndrome and Morgan is 2. Logan has been the light of me life, i would not chance a thing. He is in preschool, rides the bus, he loves it. Your son will be great, never hold him back. Good Luck and love that baby.

Vicki Gross

davenvic@hotmail.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:25 AM
**To:** 'mrswhippleisu@hotmail.com'
**Subject:** RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:42 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Jan Whipple

address: 9 Number Two Green Drive St. Charles MO 63303

MESSAGE:

Congratulations as you welcome your son and welcome to the special sisterhood of mothers of Down Syndrome children. May your family enjoy all of the love and wonders that your special son will bring to you as we have enjoyed our beautiful daughter Amanda who is now 17.

mrswhippleisu@hotmail.com

## Unknown

**From:** Ivy Frye [ivyfrye@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:32 AM

**To:** Sarah Palin; Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Todd Palin; Frank Bailey; Kris Perry

**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Help Support Governor Palin

Govenror, I've let Holly know for interviews she should touch base with Rosanne and Sharon. Also, she's posting to her Natl blog re: the aborition debacle in Alaska--Lyda's failure and your unwavering efforts.

Note: forwarded message attached.

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## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:24 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:19 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Brad Holland

address: 3680 Pine Bloom Place Loganville GA 30052

770-985-2522

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Greeting from Georgia. I just read the story of the birth of your 5th child. Congratulations! You and your family have just been blessed like you could never believe. My youngest daughter just turned 7. She was born pre-maturely, 3 holes in her heart, and oh yes, with Down Syndrome. After a rough first year with the heart surgeries, Kristen has been such an incredible joy. My Mom said it best, I couldn't imagine our life with someone with Down Syndrome, now that we have Kristen, I can't imagine our life without her. I'm sure Alaska has all the early intervention programs like the ones we got involved with, that is key. We had Kristen in OT, PT, still in Speech therapy at age 7. I know you are a busy Governor and over 3000 miles away and have 100s of people contacting you, feel free to use me and my wife and family as your long distance pen/email pals. God led me to your website to contact you. You and your entire family will be in our prayers. Believe me - get ready to sm

ile and laugh like you never have before...I can't believe it's been 7 years for us!

Brad and Heidi Holland.. Lauren & "Kristen"

volholland@comcast.net

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:24 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:15 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Donna Prewitt

address: 6400 Imlach Dr Anchorage AK 99502

907 248- 2075

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

I don't know if you ever get the occasion to watch the Glenn Beck show on tv, but he had some things to say about you today. Very nice things about the birth of Trig, the comments you made about the blessing you have been given. It was nice to see someone from so far away, be aware of what is happening here, and he gave you high praise in the mother department, and also on your duties as Governor. Congratulations were sent your way. Just thought you would like to know this, incase you were not aware.

Sincerely,

Donna J Prewitt

'djp@alaska.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:21 AM
**To:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 5:43 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: John Hussey

address: 1023 Spruce St. Saint Louis MO 63102

314-604-2222

MESSAGE:

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:21 AM
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**Cc:** Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
**Subject:** RE: Price at the pump

Governor,

Tom, Marty, Steve and I met this morning to discuss this isue. Privileged or Personal Material R

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Is that what you would like us to do?

-Pat

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**Subject:** Open Season Forum

Attached please find our flyer and registration form.

Please note: the forum was originally scheduled for April 30th and has now been changed to May 13th.

We look forward to seeing you all at the forum.

Leah Burkes

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**Subject:** Sched

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:42 AM
**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV)
**Cc:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Seniors

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 5:04 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Seniors

Web mail from: Ms. Brenda Wallace

address: po box 554 Sutton AK 99674

907-746-0053

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor,

First congradulations on your new family member, it must be an exciting time and busy time in your life. I think you are a very strong and intelligent lady. I apperciate everything you sacrifice for all of us. I do have some major concerns though. I have lived in Alaska for about 15+ years and a mother of 4 children. And a very special Grandaughter who is 15 months old. My husband and I were foster parents for about 8 years in oregon before we moved our family up here. I have been in the nursing field for about 13 years and try, I say try to raise my children right. But my oldest daughter got involved with a young guy and they had a baby, I thought he was a good guy until I caught him buying pain meds over my telephone. I questioned him and my daughter and they lied to me and said they dont do them and I found out later that they are snorting them and also smoking pot. My granddaughter was born with pot in her system and her dr. who is dr. smith wanted ocs to investigate a

nd when the social worker came to the hospital the social worker told them it was no big deal and never followed up. Well my Grandaughters parents have never steped up to the plate as far as the baby. There have been multiple concerns not only by myself but also her doctor and ocs was contacted again and nothing is being done. My daughter has attempted suicide 3 times and the father has been the reason. Neither of these guys are mentally stable to care for this child and no one follows up. I know as a parent I not only want my granddaughter to grow up in a happy healthy home, I want my daughter to get help. They drive with no liscense or insurance and are always under the influence of something and I have called 911 on several occasions and again nothing is done. Can you please give me some directions of what to do or where to go. They are on public assistance and all kinds of stuff and they have only had thier baby for 4 nights since birth. She stays with us and I wouldnt have it any

other way but I have no legal recourse b!

ecause if I get involved where my daughter knows then they told me I would never see her again. Help, what can I do, when I dont get no help from ocs or the troopers. Where do I turn to now.

Thank you Brenda

brendaleewallace2000@yahoo.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:44 AM
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Apr. 23-29, 2008

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**From:** Waste Business Journal [mailto:info@wastebusinessjournal.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:23 AM
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** Weekly News Bulletin: Apr. 23-29, 2008

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1. **ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND INDUSTRY SUE EPA OVER RCRA OIL WASTE EXEMPTION**
   Environmentalists and some industry groups have filed a host of legal challenges against EPA over a rule exempting waste generated by the petroleum refining industry from regulation under the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) if the waste is generated as fuel, saying the exemption violates the law's requirements to regulate facilities that produce or burn fuel from hazardous waste. Earthjustice, on behalf on the Sierra Club and the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, filed an April 1 petition with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit asking for review of EPA's regulation for oil-bearing hazardous secondary materials from the petroleum refining industry processed in a gasification system to produce synthetic gas. Industry groups are also challenging the rule, with the Environmental Technology Council -- which represents the hazardous waste recycling, treatment and disposal industry -- filing an April 1 petition for review...**Read More »**

2. **REPUBLIC SERVICES FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS UP BY 41%**
   Republic Services posted strong first quarter financial results even though revenues for the period ending March 21 grew at only a modest 1.8% to $779.2 million from $765.6 million in last year's period. However, internal growth during the period was 3.7%, with a 6.2% increase from price, partially offset by a 2.5% decrease from volume. Net income increased by 41% to $76.1 million, or $0.41 per diluted share, from $53.9 million, or $0.28 per diluted share last year. According to company's Chairman and CEO James E. O'Connor, "During the first quarter, we expanded operating margins despite reduced temporary construction volume and record high fuel prices. I remain pleased with the Company's success in implementing its pricing strategy, together with our focus on operating efficiency, customer service and cost control...".**.Read More »**

3. **WASTE INDUSTRIES EXPECTS TO STOP TRADING ITS SHARES ON MAY 9**
   Waste Industries USA, Inc. will officially stop trading its shares on the Nasdaq Stock Market on May 9. The action follows the company sale to private investors consisting of management and financial partners Macquarie Infrastructure Partners and Goldman Sachs. They announced in December their intention to buy the company for $38 per share in a deal valued at $544 million. The Raleigh, NC-based company provides solid waste management services in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia. Separately, the company said that it will announce first quarter financial results at the close of market on Thursday, May 1. Management will host a conference call the following day at 2 p.m. (EDT) to discuss...**Read More »**

4. **WASTE CONNECTIONS POSTS STRONG FIRST QUARTER AS EXPECTED**
   Waste Connections Inc. reported that first quarter earnings increased by 3.3% to $0.34 per share in line with Wall Street

expectations. Revenues, driven by robust pricing and increased sales rose 14.3% to $250.3 million from $219 million a year ago. According to Citigroup Research analyst Leone Young, "Bottom line, we believe it was a very solid quarter operationally, particularly given the fuel and weather headwinds, with most of the upside stemming from the gross margin line." She went on to say that the company is successfully withstanding weakness in the US economy with advantageous geographic exposure and its drive to grow through strategic acquisitions...**Read More »**

5. **PLAN TO BUILD WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT IN HAWAII IN JEOPARDY**

A plan to build a $125.5 million Waste-to-Energy plant in Hilo, Hawaii recently faced extinction when the county finance committee there voted 6 to 3 against the proposal. After a decade and having spent $1 million, Hawaii County ultimately decided on a proposal by Texas-based Wheelabrator Technologies to construct and operate a facility that would replace the county's aging South Hilo landfill in eastern Hawaii which is expected to reach capacity by 2012. For the measure to survive, two of the council members who voted against the proposal must reverse their decisions when it goes before the nine-member council on May 7...**Read More »**



6. **WASTE SERVICES FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS BACK IN THE BLACK**

Acquisitions and strong pricing growth outpaced a drop in volumes to push Waste Services, Inc. first quarter profits into the black. The Burlington, Ontario-based solid waste management company earned $12.7 million, or $0.28 per share, on revenue of $116.6 million compared to a loss of $3.67 million, or $0.08 per share, on revenue of $95 million for the first quarter of 2007. Revenues grew largely as a result of $18.2 million in acquisitions net of divestitures but internal growth added 0.8%. 3.9% pricing increases and 1.9% net fuel surcharge increases offset a 5% decline in volumes. "We are happy to report that pricing remains strong in the current environment and all of our regions are on track to meet expectations going into our seasonally strong second quarter," said David Sutherland-Yoest, chairman and CEO...**Read More »**

7. **WASTE MANAGEMENT OPENS ANOTHER LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY PROJECT IN VIRGINIA**

Waste Management, Inc. opened its latest landfill gas-to-energy

(LFGTE) facility at the company's Bethel Landfill in Hampton, VA. The plant is expected to produce 4.8 megawatts (MW) of electricity and represents the company's first such facility in Virginia as a solo venture. The company previously announced plans to construct two more LFGTE plants at their landfills in King George County and the Middle Peninsula Landfill in Gloucester County. Together they will generate an additional 19.2 megawatts of electricity. These projects are part of Waste Management's national initiative to build 60 new renewable energy facilities over the next five years...**Read More »**

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8. **VEOLIA DEVELOPS 3.2 MW LANDFILL GAS PROJECT IN SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA**

Veolia Environmental Services is partnering with Energy Systems Group (ESG) to develop a 3.2 Megawatt landfill gas-to-energy project at Veolia's Blackfoot landfill in southwestern Indiana. Energy Systems Group, which is a subsidiary of Vectren Corp., will design, build, own and operate the power generation facility. ESG will also sell the electricity to the power grid. It is ESG's third LFGTE project and Veolia's tenth. "We are proud to play a role in decreasing greenhouse gas emissions into the environment," said Richard Burke, president and CEO of Veolia ES Solid Waste, Inc...**Read More »**

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9. **STERICYCLE FIRST QUARTER REVENUES HELPED BY ACQUISITIONS**

Medical waste services company Stericycle posted 21% gains in first quarter revenues helped by acquisitions over the last 12 months. Revenues grew to $254.8 million from $211.0 million in the same quarter last year. Net income was $31.7 million, or $0.35 per share, compared with $29.4 million, or $0.32 per share, for the same quarter last year. A lawsuit settlement charge reduced net income by $3.3 million or $0.04 per share. Higher fuel costs and acquisition mix also put a crimp on earnings but these were helped by slightly lower interest expenses and a lower share count due to share repurchases. Recently the company issued and sold $100 million in senior notes to nine institutional purchasers according to a filing with the SEC...**Read More »**

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10. **CLEAN HARBORS TO OFFER 2.5 MILLION COMMON SHARES**

Clean Harbors, Inc. filed a shelf registration with the SEC for a proposed follow-on public offering of 2.5 million shares of its common stock. Goldman Sachs is the underwriter for the offering and is granted 375,000 over-allotment options. Proceeds from the offering for the waste management services provider are expected to reach more than $200 million and will be used for acquisitions, debt repayments, or working capital. Separately, the company said it will host a conference call on May 7 at 9 a.m. (EDT) to discuss first quarter financial results...**Read More »**

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11. **EIA RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH PENTON MEDIA**

The Environmental Industry Associations (EIA), the national trade association for the waste services and equipment industry, and Penton Media, Inc. recently renewed their partnership agreement. Under the 5-year agreement, Penton will continue to produce, market and manage WasteExpo, while EIA will have primary responsibility for WasteExpo educational sessions. Penton Media, Inc. is considered to be the largest independent business-to-

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## Unknown

**From:** gov.palin@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:28 AM
**To:** Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
**Cc:** Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR)
**Subject:** Re: Price at the pump

Let's do it

-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 09:01:47

To:"Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)" <patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Irwin, Tom E (DNR)" <tom.irwin@alaska.gov>,"Rutherford, Marty K (DNR)" <marty.rutherford@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Price at the pump

Pat,

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Please let me know how I can help expedite development.

Ivy

-----Original Message-----

From: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:36 PM

To: Frye, Ivy J (GOV); Frye, Ivy J (GOV); Galvin, Patrick S (DOR);
Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: RE: Price at the pump

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-Pat

**Sent from my hand-held device. Please excuse any shorthand or typos.
Thank You.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

To: "Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>; "Galvin, Patrick S (DOR)"
<patrick.galvin@alaska.gov>; "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)"
<kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Sent: 4/23/2008 9:31 AM

Subject: RE: Price at the pump

Commissioner Galvin,

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Privilege If you'd rather talk, I can give you a call today, or my direct line in the Governor's Anchorage office is 269-7447.

Ivy

-----Original Message-----

From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 8:26 PM

To: Galvin, Patrick S (DOR); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Subject: Price at the pump

Commissioner,

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Thanks for your help here,

Ivy

## Unknown

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 8:59 AM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Frye; Ivy J (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV); Fradley; Tara D (GOV); Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Kim; Anna C (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Jackson; Karleen K (HSS); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Press Update

**Importance:** High

Mike- as you and Joe penned the letter, what was/is the plan of action to counter the (anticipated?) Horribly harsh criticism we're now receiving? Was it anticipated? What are you/we doing to pro-actively counter it and clairfy that of course I want to deal with the issue and see those bills passed - maybe the letter didn't quite convey that, but now we must "fix" it. Pls let me know what you/we are doing asap to turn this volume down and make our committment to hearing these bills again in their own sp session.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:41:32

To:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>,"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Fradley, Tara D (GOV)" <tara.fradley@alaska.gov>

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Thanks!

Rosanne Hughes
Press Secretary and Communications Director
(907) 269-7450

## Unknown

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 8:50 AM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Cc:** Frank Bailey; Ivy personal; K Perry Yahoo
**Subject:** Re: Press Update

Yikes- I won't even read them. Since Joe and Tibbles wrote the letter, would u mind asking them if they had considered the ramifications with our supporters on the abortion decision? Put a little bit of this back on them- ask them what they did to anticipate this and counter it pro-actively?!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 08:41:32

To:"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Frye, Ivy J (GOV)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>,"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Nizich, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.nizich@alaska.gov>,"Fradley, Tara D (GOV)" <tara.fradley@alaska.gov>

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Press Secretary and Communications Director
(907) 269-7450

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 11:03 AM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** RE: A "little" freshness . . . about time . . .

There was nothing attached.

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:20 AM
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** RE: A "little" freshness . . . about time . . .
**Importance:** High

We did not receive the letter when this was forwarded. Please check to see if the letter was originally attached. Thanks, Janice

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 9:06 AM
**To:** Mason, Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: A "little" freshness . . . about time . . .

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**From:** LARRY MIKAWA [mailto:lmikawa@gci.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2008 7:32 PM
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** A "little" freshness . . . about time . . .

This is just to show I submitted this letter to the editor yesterday, and it may not be published, but, I thought you might like it. Please give my regards to Sarah Palin, by saying "A baby's entrance into the earth makes it renewed in innocence." Said by a great church leader. Please give a copy of this and the last email into the hands of Sarah, I know she would appreciate "a little" freshness, despite all the hectic hecticness of all things in the political arena. It doesn't hurt to give it into her hands, it's just a little thing. Thx.

From letters@adn.com
Sent Monday, April 21, 2008 8:48 pm
To lmikawa@gci.net
Subject Thank you

Thank you for submitting your letter to the Anchorage Daily News.

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item for publication, a person represents that he or she is authorized to submit that material to the Daily News, and that the newspaper may use it in any format for any purpose without compensation to the owner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an e-mail at letters@adn.com or call us at (907) 257-4547 or (800) 478-4200.

## Unknown

**From:** Ralph Andersen [randersen@bbna.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 9:38 AM

**To:** 'andora@nushtel.net'; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Parnell; Sean R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Notti; Emil R (CED); Greta Goto; Ev

**Subject:** RE: Declaring

Dear Governor Palin: I am writing this to support Nels Anderson's request in his correspondence to you below. I agree with all of the points he raises.

We in rural Alaska have been living and trying to survive an energy crisis for years. As an example of our home heating fuel prices, I have attached is a cost comparison of heating fuel prices between October 2007 and January 2008 in many villages in the Bristol Bay region. We expect the price o increase again with the arrival of the next fuel barge. This information was gathered as part of the Citgo fuel program BBNA operated again this year. Similar information is or should be available for all of the other regions in Alaska that participated in the Citgo program. It's quite revealing that we must accept assistance to heat our homes from a company owned by a foreign country.

I encourage you to consider a disaster declaration for all Alaskans. Thank you.

Ralph Andersen
Chief Executive Officer
Bristol Bay Native Association

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**From:** Nels and Dorothy [mailto:andora@nushtel.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 4:48 PM
**To:** Governor Palin; Lt. Governor Parnell; Mike Tibbles; Commissioner Emil Notti; Ralph Andersen; Greta Goto; Ev
**Subject:** Declaring

April 23, 2008

Governor Sarah Palin
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: Energy Crisis in All of our Villages

**Dear Governor Palin:**

I would request that you assemble your state disaster cabinet to consider declaring all of our villages "Energy Disaster Areas" because of the years they have had to pay very high electricity and fuel costs. There is no relief in sight and the next fuel barges will deliver more expensive fuel.

We have been asking for relief for many years and as far as I know, the state disaster cabinet has never assembled on behalf of our villaages that are facing horrendous electricity and fuel costs.

It is not fair to consider Juneau to the exclusion of all of our villages that are losing population, schools are closing, no new jobs are being created, and villages a shutting down their basic education, life, health, and public safety functions.

Please help us out here. We are going over an energy cliff and only massive intervention can turn the tide. We need a moriatorium on energy sales taxes and a state-wide fuel subsidy program to lower our cost of gasoline, heating fuel, diesel, aviation fuel, and propane.

More people will move away from their ancestral homes becoming energy refugees escaping high energy costs looking for a lower cost of living in hub communities and in the Railbelt.

I hope that you will look kindly on this request for help.

Best regards,

Nels Anderson, Jr.
Box 234
Dillingham, Alaska 99576
907-842-2366
andora@nushtel.net

This is from the "Daily News-Miner, April 23, 2008

A state disaster cabinet met the same day on the city's request for assistance. The cabinet requested more information on ways to mitigate the impact on the residents of the giant spike in costs.

Massive slides took out several towers and 1.5 miles of transmission line near the Snettisham Hydropower Facility last Wednesday.

## Unknown

**From:** Mary Becker [jmbecker@gci.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 8:34 AM

**To:** 'Mary Becker'

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com

**Subject:** Kensington

Dear Mr. Griffin:

My name is Jim Becker. I have been a commercial fisherman since 1967. Part of the responsibility of my chosen profession is to be aware of any activity on land or water that has an impact on fish habitat or water quality.

I have worked with Couer Alaska since they first started development of the Kensington project and have found the company to always be straight with the fishing industry. Couer's current circumstance regarding the delay of operations is unfortunate and unfair.

I have toured the mine site, worked with management, followed each stage of development, wrote letters of support many times and commented often to civic leaders in Juneau that the proposed Kensington mine is an example of how mining should be done in the future in the state of Alaska.

I believe the SIR prepared for the paste tailings change at Kensington meets all NEPA requirements. It is unnecessary to do a new SEIS or EA given the thorough analysis provided in the SIR and three previous EIS's.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Becker

Jim Becker
Box 240522
Douglas, AK 99824
jmbecker@gci.net

**Unknown**

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 10:25 AM
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Alaska State Chamber Capital Notes, April 23, 2008

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**From:** Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:36 PM
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** Alaska State Chamber Capital Notes, April 23, 2008

# Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

# Capital Notes

www.alaskachamber.com **Wednesday April 23, 2008**

## 90 day Session Works

Proponents of the 90-day session are probably gleaming with "I told you so thoughts," as the legislature not only adjourned on time, they adjourned with time still left on the clock. Normally, as witnessed by this author, sessions always adjourn in the final hours and sometimes do not even finish on time. This is the first time in years where both bodies adjourned with all of the work completed and with many extra hours still available.

The capital budget and operating budgets both passed. In reality, the bills probably could have been completed earlier in the session. Any bills falling into the "must pass" category passed out days prior. While many folks working in the capitol building complained of a hurried schedule and longer working hours than normal, most folks would have to agree the shortened session turned out rather successfully. One caveat, had the legislature taken up a complex piece of legislation like PPT or natural gas pipeline contracts, it is likely the Legislature would not have met the 90-day session goal for adjournment.

## Saving Money-Legislature Squirrels Away $5 billion

In the past couple of years, the State Chamber has been advocating for saving money. We recognize, and have been attempting to communicate to legislators, staff and business groups that the state is running out of oil, an event predicted to occur in the next ten years. Regardless of the price, without adequate supply, the oil pipeline will down once output of crude drops to between 300,000 and 400,000 barrels a day. Currently, the pipeline is moving less than 750,000 barrels a day, down from the peak of 2.1 million in the late 80s. Without a new source of revenue, ideally the gas pipeline, the state is going to run off a financial cliff, as on-going state operations require some source of stable financing.

So, when you got it, save it. While the legislature did a very good job of spending money this year, they also did a very good job of saving money as well. Below find a quick list of how the legislature saved money, all of which ended up in the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR):

Supplemental Budget-placed $3.6 billion into CBR
Operating Budget-placed $1 billion into CBR
Capital Budget-saved another $400 million into CBR
Total Savings into CBR-$5 Billion

## State Budgets - Whopping Amounts!

As previously noted in our capitol notes, the operating budget passed both bodies early and at record amounts. The final conference committee budget (the formal process for adopting differences between Senate and House budgets) totaled just over $10 billion. This is a sizable increase from last years operating budget, which totaled about $9.1 billion. Operating budgets are on average increasing at roughly 10% per year. With oil production in decline, continued double-digit budget increases are not sustainable.

## Capital Budget Grew and Grew

From its formal introduction, the state capital budget grew every time it passed from one committee or one legislative body to the other. As is and not accounting for the CBR savings, the capital budget topped out just short of $3 billion. Many projects added in were for personal house districts, others at request of local municipalities or even the girl scouts. Traditional mundane projects like road improvements, water and sewer upgrades, harbor infrastructure, power generation and the like were included with projects normally taken on by local charities such as batting cages, the girl scouts and air shows. The Governor has already stated that their will be some scrimping and cutting as she gets out the big red veto pen. While nothing is certain, one could expect the Governor might veto some $50-$350 million of projects. The Governor may reduce support for some projects with more funding coming in future years. Big-ticket items included a bridge in Ketchikan, sport fish hatcheries in Anchorage and Fairbanks along with many other large roadway projects.

## PERS/TRS Issues Put To Rest

As previously reported in many of our capitol notes, the unfunded liability of PERS/TRS public employee and teacher retirement systems became a quagmire of sorts for the legislature for much of the past four years. Less money was coming in to pay for outgoing retirement costs. Local municipalities particularly were being hard hit often paying exorbitant amounts of money to cover retirement liabilities. For three years, the legislature put a band-aid on a growing problem by providing barely enough money to local governments to cover local contribution costs. With recent passage of SB 125 and HB 13, funding, contribution rates and state matches are included for a long-term fix to the PERS/TRS issue. The Stat! e Chamber has been advocating for a permanent fix to the PERS/TRS problem for the past four years. In fact, last year, it was a Chamber top priority. The Chamber has been concerned that the affects associated with not solving the issue would put local businesses at risk through increased property taxes. We are hopeful that the issue will be put to bed for many years to come.

## Legislature Reinstates Community Revenue Sharing

With passage of SB 72 in the final days, the legislature hopes to provide lump sums of money for local municipalities to enable local government control. Sponsored by the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee, the bill attempts to make communities whole after years of significantly reduced or no revenue sharing. With the elimination of the program five years ago, many local municipalities raised property taxes, increased assessments or eliminated services altogether. A few small municipalities revoked their municipal charters. While the bill places into statute the framework in which the program is to operate, funding is still dependent on final approval by the legislature within the operating budget. ! Without a consistent source of revenue, property taxes increased substantially in the

past few years, with the largest taxing population being Alaskan businesses.

## Legislature Passes Top State Chamber priority: HB 125 requires Long-Term Financial Plan

Like any financial organization, the state is joining the business community by actually planning for the future. While HB 125-sponsored by Rep Mike Hawker, doesn't require the legislature or the governor to put anything into effect, it does require the Governor to submit to the Legislature a long-term plan incorporating expenses, revenues and other future financial considerations. HB 125 will put into law an amendment to the Executive Budget Act, which requires the Governor to submit a fiscal plan looking out 10 years for the entire state. The bill would force each sitting governor to update the plan annually and to include all expenditures and revenue sources. We were engaged on HB 125 from the beginning through our lobbying efforts and by providing constructive dialogue, written and oral sup! port.

## Businesses Well Represented before the 25th Alaska Legislature

The State Chamber plays an active role again this session. At one point, the Alaska State Chamber was following, covering, looking to halt, amend and or pass 82 bills and resolutions. Many bills introduced in the past two years created serious concern for Alaska's businesses. Our greatest successes occurred when legislators chose to work with us rather than against us. For some individuals it is far easier to kill a bill; however, our professional approach allows us to work with all individuals regardless of party or other issue.

In a few cases, we were successful in reviving bills languishing in committee for months. While other bills that had little room for compromise, were held in committee for future consideration. We were successful in helping pass the bills listed below, most of which fall into State Chamber Legislative Priorities. Working towards passage took a great amount of effort from our legislative staff. Lining up important votes, facilitating amendments, working on scheduling hearings, reassuring legislative staff and legislators there was necessary support and back-up material and meeting with committee chairs were just a small portion of the State Chamber's efforts in passing the following bills:

HB 25- Recreational Land use liability
HB 125-Long Range Fiscal Planning
HB 147-Tourism Matching Funds for Tourism Marketing
HB 149-State Primacy-Pollutant Discharge Permits
HB 152- Renewable Energy Fund
HB 217- Tourism Disclosure and Notices
HB 228 -Worker's Comp Medical Treatment Fees
HJR 8-Washington Container Fee
HJR 20-Bypass Mail Rate Increase
SB 72 -Community Revenue Sharing
SB 120-Unemployment Compensation Benefits
SB 125-PERS/TRS Contributions and Unfunded Liability
SB 254-AK Regional Economic Assistance Programs

## BP & Conoco-Phillips Announce Plans to build the Alaska Gasline

Early this month, as you probably read in the local newspapers, both BP and Conoco plan to spend $600 million to put together a comprehensive plan for building the Alaska Gas pipeline. The project is expected to cost well beyond $30 billion. It is still unclear how this recent move by the companies will affect TransCanada's bid under the AGIA process.

## Special Session still forthcoming on AGIA

The Governor has called a 30-day special session in Juneau beginning June 3.

The Executive Proclamation calls for legislators to review "any action taken by the commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of revenue" under AGIA.

If you would like to look up a Bill passed by the legislature then.
Any person can follow the legislative process and access bills, committee substitutes or determine which legislator is on a particular committee in the Legislative Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS). You can see what committee a bill is in, when it will be heard, how committee members voted, and much more. You can also view all bills relating to your specific areas of interest by selecting "Subject Summary" from the menu on the right. Just click on the link below and bookmark it for later use.
http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp

## Unknown

**From:** ETS Help Center [help_center@admin.state.ak.us]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:07 AM

**To:** Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)

**Subject:** Password expiration warning

**The password for SOA userID 'govsp' expires Sunday April 27th, 2:34 PM.**
In most state agencies, this is not the userID and password used to logon to individual computers. The password can be changed using the SOA Password Change page or Outlook Web Access.
Your new password must be at least eight characters long and include at least three of these four types of characters:

- upper case alphabet
- lower case alphabet
- numbers
- punctuation or symbols

Prior passwords may not be re-used.

**Important Note!** - Web browsers, email clients, handheld email devices and other applications can store and continue to use an old password after it has been changed, possibly triggering lockout. Such applications should be closed while (or immediately after) changing a password. These stored passwords may need to be updated or deleted.

Please contact your local or departmental support technicians with any questions or requests for assistance related to changing passwords.

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:13 PM
**To:** Mills; Andy J (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Todd
**Cc:** Bluhm; Jason R (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Can you eliminate the verbiage from the verse on backside so I can write on that side. It's beautiful!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mills, Andy J (GOV)" <andy.mills@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 15:47:40

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)" <jason.bluhm@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Working with Kris and Kate we've got this down to a final draft for review.

Thanks everyone!

-Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:46 PM

To: Mills, Andy J (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp; Bailey, Frank T (GOV); 'Todd'

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Andy,

The Governor loved Trig's announcement and the design. Some minor verbiage changes/additions:

Under his picture, add appropriate language from verse, citing Proverbs 3:5-6.

On the inside, replace Sandburg quote with: The night breeze hums a lullaby - sweet baby, you're the reason why.

Weight should be changed to 6.3lbs and add 18 inches on the length.

Thanks! Great work.

Kris

-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Andy J (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 4:47 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); 'Todd'

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Attached is the draft announcement (JPEGS also attached if the PDF doesn't open). There's a blank line inside the card for Trig's length (if that's something you'd like).

This was designed to be a card of quarter page in size (4.25 by 5.5 when folded) and would look great on a shiny-ish card stock paper.

Let me know if there is anything we can change.

-Andy (and team)

-----Original Message-----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 3:13 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Mills, Andy J (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

I'll get some text to Andy and we'll send you a proof.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 2:43 PM

To: Mills, Andy J (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)

Subject: Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Beth, can you craft text for them?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mills, Andy J (GOV)" <andy.mills@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 14:40:34

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, Todd <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)" <jason.bluhm@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

That photo is so precious...and would work great for a birth announcement.

If you have thoughts about text for a printed announcement...we'd be happy to put something together!

-Andy & Jason

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 1:41 PM

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Bluhm, Jason R (GOV); Mills, Andy J (GOV)

Subject: Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Wow! That's a beautiful picture!!! I'm going to ask Jason/Andy if this one would work for a birth announcement.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 13:01:20

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, fek9wnr@yahoo.com,gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

From yesterday. Look at those hands!

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:04 PM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Thompson; Barbara A (EED); Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Press Release to be Sent Tonight

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From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:48:23

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Press Release to be Sent Tonight

NOTE: This has not gone yet.

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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [janice.mason@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:03 PM
**To:** 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Natl guard

Governor - due to the nature of the Cabinet meeting (budget) Karen and Mike could definately také over the last half hour so that you and the Lt Gov can attend the ceremony at Ft Richardson. The event is scheduled to last approx. 30 min. Comm. Campbell will also be present to welcome the troops home. Janice

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Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.palin@yahoo.com <gov.palin@yahoo.com>

To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Thu Apr 24 18:50:19 2008

Subject: Re: Natl guard

I need to go to at least one of the 180 return ceremonies. I'll be reminded that as Commander in Chief I should be there to welcome them home at at least one of their events. The staff mtg can go on withouit me

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:36:52

To:gov.palin@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: Natl guard

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To: Mason, Janice L (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Thu Apr 24 18:07:53 2008

Subject: Natl guard

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:52 PM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Thompson; Barbara A (EED); Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
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Subject: Press Release to be Sent Tonight

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:44 PM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Thompson; Barbara A (EED); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: New Commissioner

May I read final... And we want to make sure we're not stepping on bd's toes with a release - make sure I's are dotted and t's crossed in terms of them having notified the rejected candidates, etc.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:44:05

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Thompson, Barbara A (EED)" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>,"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: New Commissioner

Governor, I just called Mike and confirmed the Board is not doing a

presser tonight. Do you want us to go ahead and send it now?

Rosanne Hughes

Press Secretary and Communications Director

(907) 269-7450

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:38 PM

To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A

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From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 18:37:02
To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Cc:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Thompson, Barbara A (EED)" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>
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To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Thompson, Barbara A (EED)

Subject: Re: New Commissioner

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

Thanks

------Original Message------

From: Rosanne Hughes

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Cc: Kris Perry

Sent: Apr 24, 2008 5:27 PM

Subject: RE: New Commissioner

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:33 PM
To: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Fw: New Commissioner

Fyi- for whomever is working on presser.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 02:31:07

To:"Rosanne Hughes" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Lynne Smith" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Barbara Thompson" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: New Commissioner

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:08 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Natl guard

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:10 PM
**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: New Commissioner

Do u know if the draft presser is ready for proofing yet from the Board?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 01:08:41

To:"Rosanne Hughes" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: New Commissioner

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-----Original Message-----

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 17:03:10

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Subject: RE: New Commissioner

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:54 PM

To: Frank Bailey; Ivy personal; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Leighow, Sharon W (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

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To:"Barbara Thompson" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Thompson, Barbara A (EED)" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 16:42:51

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:Mike Tibbles <tibbles@alaska.net>,"Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Subject: New Commissioner

Dear Governor,

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Take care, BAT

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:06 PM
**To:** Kelly; Russell T (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Nizich; Michael A (GOV)
**Cc:** Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** Lyda

She called from airport. Says she believes she has a way to skip judiciary committee and move bills further during the AGIA sp session... I said I'd explore a "before AGIA or after AGIA session" if that would more likely lead to success w/passage of both bills. She argued that it's all about getting the right number of players there at the same time and figures only during AGIA will that happen. I told her I'm thinking of all options. She says no, they can't call themselves in - don't have the numbers. She said she's happy to give me credit - I said I don't want any credit, I want the bills passed.

She said she's been out of town so hasnt kept up on all this issue, but surely she knows it's a hot button.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:09 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:10 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Mr. Jack LaMar

address: 6442 Harrison Pike Chattanooga TN 37416

423-595-6256

MESSAGE:

Congratulations on the birth of Trig. We have a son who had Down Syndrome and passed away June 2, 2007 with a rare strep infection. He was 21 years old and the absolute joy of our lives. He worked as an assistant at Silverdale Baptist Academy and influenced more children and adults than I thought possible. Forget all the stereotypes. The sky is the limit. Our son, Ryan, was more like Jesus than any person I have ever known but we still had many challenges and adventures that we miss dearly. We grieve deeply at our loss but rejoice with your gain and we grieve with hope - the hope and assurance we will see him soon. God used ryan greatly and my wife and I pray that God will use Trig in a great and wonderful way.

God Bless,

Jack & Charlene LaMar  Psalm 139: 13-16

jacklamar@mac.com

## Unknown

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:02 PM
**To:** 'immrscox@yahoo.com'
**Subject:** RE: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:03 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Military_and_Veterans_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Jessica Ford

address: 510 apt. a 8th st. Fort Richardson AK 99505

907-7441505

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My Name is PFC Jessica Ford; I am a Solider in 95th Chemical Company. I am writing you for help with a very serious problem I am having with Sergeant First Class Miller. Sgt Miller is my Platoon Sgt and has been harassing and stalking me for a few weeks now. I have seen his car in numerous places I have been and around my Quarters area. He has called my squad leader on different accounts to ask why I was in certain places at certain times, at times were I am handling personal business off post. He has openly admitted to watching me and my home to an NCO and then openly lied to me in front of 95th'S EO representative when he was confronted about my situation. This situation has made life unbearable for Mother who's an Army Dependent living with my family and I. We are not receiving the guidance or help that we need and there is not much more we can do but hide in fear. I have tried to move Platoons and have been denied a very simple change that would make a w

orld of differences. I have had problems similar to this were I have filed an informal complaint about one of my NCOs' touching and grabbing on me in clubs and parties. I was

offered and apology and then forced to work with this person for the last year. I have been hospitalized and received a year and counting of therapy. And now I'm being forced to relive to terror. If you can do anything to help us we would mean the world to my family. I would like this situation to reach the ears of someone who can help us. I fear this will only make it worst for me but I had to try.

250-55-6618

Private First Class

Jessica Lorraine Ford

95th Chemical Co.

Fort Richardson, AK

99505

immrscox@yahoo.com

## Unknown

**From:** Kelly, Russell T (GOV) [russ.kelly@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:59 PM
**To:** Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
**Subject:** Re: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

I agree 100 percent!

I was psyched to see your quick response in support via press release. Very cool.

----- Original Message -----

From: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

To: Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Sent: Thu Apr 24 16:56:05 2008

Subject: Re: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Thank you. And Joe's doing a great job up here countering relentless union criticism.

----- Original Message -----

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)

Sent: Thu Apr 24 16:51:01 2008

Subject: FW: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Just an FYI, this is what DOC sent, per my request, to Sen. Wielechowski regarding the latest media reports. Bill had inquired about these two issues and asked for "the other side of the story." I suspect this won't stop Bill from requesting an audit from LB&A, but that's his prerogative. Joe Schmidt is aware of this e-mail, also. I asked him to sign off on it.

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From: Schmitz, Richard F (DOC)

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:54 PM

To: senator_bill_weilechowski@legis.state.ak.us; Sydeman, Michelle (LAA); Ascott, George (LAA)

Cc: Peeples, Dwayne B (DOC); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Wilkerson, April A (DOC)

Subject: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Good Afternoon:

Here is the response to your request for information to the Department of Corrections. Please contact me if any clarification is needed.

MRSA is a staph bacteria that is resistant to most antibiotics. As far as the suggestion that there is an 'outbreak of MRSA' in DOC prisons, here is what Dr. Luban, DOC Medical Officer, explained in simple form:

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:54 PM
**To:** Frank Bailey; Ivy personal; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Subject:** Fw: New Commissioner

Great news, the way it finally came out in the end this afternoon:

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-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 00:48:22

To:"Barbara Thompson" <barbara.thompson@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Mike Tibbles" <tibbles@alaska.net>,"Lynne Smith" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: New Commissioner

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:57 PM
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: Other

-----Original Message-----

From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:39 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Lois Simenson

address: 9524 Noak Circle Eagle River AK 99577

907-696-4502

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Congratulations on the birth of your new son, Trig! You are awesome and will forever be my role model. I've supported everything you have done since taking office...I work in oil and gas for the Dept of Interior, and follow things closely. The thing that I admire most is your commitment and dedication to Alaska. You are focused, know what is best for our state and all of us who are privileged to live here. The other thing I love about you is you take time out for us "ordinary" people (I shook your hand in Sullivan's in Anch one day during your campaign). Even though you were on a hectic schedule, you took the time to talk to us and listen to ur concerns. I'll never forget that. I read a wonderful article about you in the Arizona Republic that was so positive about what you've done for Alaska. Please don't pay attention to criticisms in the "Daily Snooze," Fagan's show (why he's on the air is beyond me) or any other media. You are on the right course and your unwavering convict

ion and passion for what you do is unsurpassed. Please, Sarah, never lose your passion...so many people lose it along the way...and please don't let the Washington crowd entice you away from us. We need you more than we've ever needed anyone before... If Jay Hammond were here he'd be so proud, supportive & blown away by you. You GO GIRL!!! Our best to you & your family. Please enjoy your beautiful new baby boy, and watch out for that exhaustion factor. You're incredible. Thank you for all you do. Thank you for being so positive in such a difficult, cynical world. The motto around our house is, "If Sarah can do it, we can do it!"

Lois Simenson

simenson@gci.net

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. tammy swofford

address: 1811 Pilgrim Drive irving TX 75061

972-253-6157

MESSAGE:

Congratulations to the Palin family on the birth of a beautiful son!

My guest commentator (Blackfoot) is back on the blog with the story.

As an aside, the first comment out of the chute is from my own brother John. He was born with severe cerebral palsy and has spent his life in a wheelchair.

Sadly, he is now struggling with a brain tumor that is also destroying the poor sight which he already had. But amazingly, he has had a wonderful life with a strong supportive family system to cheer him on. To say that I am a nurse today because of him, is a distinct understatement. What I learned of compassion, loving and caring, came from having John as part of our family structure when I was in my formative years.

Along with the challenges, the Palin family will surely find their own lives enriched beyond measure as they laugh, cry and explore life, with Trig.

Best regards,

Tammy Swofford

www.tammyswofford.blogspot.com

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Labor

Web mail from: Ms. Marcia Dawson

address: 14635 STERLING HIGHWAY NINILCHIK AK 99639

907-567-3480

MESSAGE:

Gov. Sarah Palin, I am a 66 year old Grandma. I have never written to anyone even near famous.

I want you to know that I have watched your career since moving to Ak in 2006 to be near family. You are the decent sort of person we need in politics.

Your new son Trig and your handling so nicely of the event, made my heart sing, as he will yours for years to come.

You had your choices, we all know that. Your choice will bring you joy you have never imagined.

I wish I could include a picture of my friend's son Jake, a young man with Downs Syndrome living in Oklahoma. He is grinning ear to ear as he hands roses to the Rodeo Queens at the finals, just as he grins when he wins at Special Olympics rodeo events and at swimming and when he seats folks for Mass on Sunday.

For years I worked with kids with problems that began at home with abuse and neglect. Oh that thier only cross to bear had been a loving family and an extra chromosome.

I knew you your husband were special when you let your only son (at the time) join the Army. He trained at the same place my grandson, who is now in Iraq did. You are probably the only political family in the USA with a kid who is "out there with the rest of them".

I have to love you for that and for your choice for Trig.

Keep making your choices based on your obvious set of great personal ethics. They will work, and when things go awry you will still be able to say you did what your heart said is right.

Guess I have said enough except bless your new son and the rest of your family. Your fan,
Marcia A. Dawson MHR

tbhoss2@aol.com

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**Subject:** Re: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Thank you. And Joe's doing a great job up here countering relentless union criticism.

----- Original Message -----

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Nizich, Michael A (GOV)

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Sent: Thu Apr 24 16:51:01 2008

Subject: FW: RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Just an FYI, this is what DOC sent, per my request, to Sen. Wielechowski regarding the latest media reports. Bill had inquired about these two issues and asked for "the other side of the story." I suspect this won't stop Bill from requesting an audit from LB&A, but that's his prerogative. Joe Schmidt is aware of this e-mail, also. I asked him to sign off on it.

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From: Schmitz, Richard F (DOC)

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 3:54 PM

To: senator_bill_weilechowski@legis.state.ak.us; Sydeman, Michelle (LAA); Ascott, George (LAA)

Cc: Peeples, Dwayne B (DOC); Kelly, Russell T (GOV); Wilkerson, April A (DOC)

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 16:22:15

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: from the board CONFIDENTIAL

Esther has contacted Larry LeDoux and he accepted! She also talked to [Privileged or] and is trying to get hold of [Privileged or Per]. She said to go ahead with the press release. (I have a separate email to the communications office with that information.)

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**To:** Kelly; Russell T (GOV); 'gov.palin@yahoo.com'; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** RE: Abortion bills

The only criticism I've seen or heard is on Fagan (what's new??) and Jim Minnery of Alaska Family Council had a headline that Lyda and the Governor are playing "hot potato" with these abortion bills.

The criticism I was referring to earlier was on a totally separate issue (Trig and his birth), not the Lyda/abortion issue. We've gotten good press on this, really.

Rosanne Hughes

Press Secretary and Communications Director

(907) 269-7450

-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly, Russell T (GOV)

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:25 PM

To: gov.palin@yahoo.com; Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

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**From:** Paul Grimaldi [Paulg@ltia.lynden.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 6:26 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com

**Subject:** Re: Comments on U.S. Forest Service SIR on Modified Plan of Operations for the Kensington Gold Project

Mr. Pete Griffin

District Manager, Alaska Region

Tongass National Forest in Juneau

Juneau Ranger District

8510 Mendenhall Loop Road

Juneau, AK 99801

**Re: Comments on U.S. Forest Service SIR on Modified Plan of Operations for the Kensington Gold Project**

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am writing in support of the new SIR prepared for the paste tailings change at Kensington which meets all NEPA requirements. No new SEIS or EA should be necessary, given the analysis provided in the SIR and three previous EIS's, supported by over 1000 studies and $35 million in environmental baseline engineering and design studies.

The PTF will use the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) outfall previously permitted after a NEPA analysis. The PTF will also use the existing water treatment facility which has been shown to be effective in meeting state and federal water quality standards.

The Sierra Club, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council and Lynn Canal Conservation supported taking the paste option forward as a better environmental alternative than the DTF. Paste tailings require less space and allow for enhanced water recovery, reducing water consumption. In addition, all contact water will be recycled or treated and will meet EPA's zero discharge requirement. The PTF berm will only be 85 ft. high, as compared to the dry stack at 220 ft. high. The closure/reclamation strategy is simple and straight-forward, and there are no long-term water treatment requirements for the encapsulated tailings.

I support the proposed move to Yankee Cove for transportation of workers, a fully permitted privately-owned facility, which eliminates the opposition of the Conservation

Groups (SEACC, Sierra Club and Lynn Canal Conservation) to the Cascade Point facility. The move does not otherwise substantially change the transportation effects studied in the 2004 SEIS.

The Kensington project is very important to the economy and future of Southeast Alaska and I am confident that the SIR process provides the environmental analysis to allow Coeur to proceed with this plan and the opportunity for open comment on this SIR enables involvement by public as required by the Conservation Groups.

Paul Grimaldi

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:59 PM
**To:** Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
**Subject:** Fire Island

Dear Governor Palin,
Hello & congratulations on the new addition to your family! I would LOVE to see you support the Fire Island project and renewable energy options in Alaska. Please know how important this is to Alaskans.
Thanks for your time,
Stephanie Johnson

## Unknown

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I left messages for Nancy Dahlstrom and Fred Dyson on their cell phones.

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- As to the possibility of the legislature calling itself into a special session to address the abortion bills - He said it is unlikely due to the need for a 2/3 vote. He said the Senate definitely wouldn't be able to do it, and that the House would be very close, and would possibly not have the votes. He points out that LeDoux and Seaton are two Republicans who won't support such a call. Coghill said he'd need to somehow find at least 3 democrats to help. For their part, Beth Kerttula cannot say strongly enough how much her group is opposed to addressing these bills via special session.
- As to the possibility of you calling a special session to address the abortion bills - Coghill said it's obviously doable, but that there would be tremendous pressure to add other issues, such as Denali KidCare and Universal Healthcare, etc. He is pleased that Lyda now has the onus on her.

Mike spoke with Gene Therriault and Gene said he would talk to Dyson about doing an OpEd and addressing Jim Minnery's comment. Gene will follow up with us tomorrow.

Russ

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Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:08 PM
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**From:** Kate [kateherring@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:29 PM

**To:** Palin; Sarah H (GOV)

**Cc:** Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)

**Subject:** Please support Fire Island Wind Farm!

Dear Governor Palin,

I'm writing today to respectfully ask you to support the Fire Island Wind Farm project, currently in the FY09 capital budget. As regular Alaskans are affected by skyrocketing energy prices, it's important to look towards cheap renewable power. This project is worth the initial investment; the price of wind power will stay constant, while the price of oil and gas will continue to fluctuate and climb for years to come.

I've heard you speak quite eloquently on moving our state forward by investing in renewable resources. I urge you to put action behind your words and fund this worthy project. It passed the Legislature with bipartisan support, and deserves to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kate Herring
2840 Telequana Dr. #3
Anchorage, AK 99517

## Unknown

**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:06 PM
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: from the board CONFIDENTIAL

Heck ya!!!!!!! Whoohoooo!!! Thank you!!!!!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

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Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 15:46:00

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

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Thank you!

------Original Message------

From: Lynne Smith

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Mike Tibbles

Sent: Apr 24, 2008 3:12 PM

Subject: RE: from the board CONFIDENTIAL

Barbara is headed back with your message and will let us know how that goes.

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To: Smith, Lynne M (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

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They know what the answer would be. So- can they go back and send choices, or a ranked list of a few?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Smith, Lynne M (GOV)" <lynne.smith@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 14:57:29

To:Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Subject: from the board CONFIDENTIAL

Governor,

Barbara just called. The name that the Board is forwarding to you is Privileged or Per. They are still in executive session, awaiting your decision on this name.

Lynne

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**From:** Alex McKallor [ALEXMC@ltia.lynden.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:25 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com

**Subject:** Kensington Mine Support of Modified Plan of Operations

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am writing in support of the new SIR prepared for the paste tailings change at Kensington which meets all NEPA requirements. No new SEIS or EA should be necessary, given the analysis provided in the SIR and three previous EIS's, supported by over 1000 studies and $35 million in environmental baseline engineering and design studies.

The PTF will use the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) outfall previously permitted after a NEPA analysis. The PTF will also use the existing water treatment facility which has been shown to be effective in meeting state and federal water quality standards.

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I am confident that the SIR process provides the environmental analysis to allow Coeur to proceed with this plan and the opportunity for open comment on this SIR enables involvement by public as required by the Conservation Groups.

The Kensington project is very important to the economy and future of Southeast Alaska. As the primary transportation provider in Southeast Alaska we are keenly aware of the positive impacts that sensible mining operations bring to the residents. Southeast has struggled to grow and provide meaningful employment opportunities to its young people and mining projects such as Kensington are their best hope.

Sincerely,
**Alex McKallor**
*Alex McKallor*
*President*
*Lynden Transport Inc.*
*T:206-575-9518*
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alexmc@lynden.com
www.lyndentransport.com

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 4:08 PM

**To:** pgriffin@fs.fed.us

**Cc:** thenderson@coeur.com; dkerr@coeur.com; shaw.hanh@epa.gov; Victor.O.Ross@poa02.usace.army.mil; Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Hartig; Lawrence L (DEC); Easton; Dan (DEC); Irwin; Tom E (DNR); Crafford; Thomas C (DNR); Kate_Williams@stevens.senate.gov; Nathan_Bergerbest@murkowski.senate.gov; Kevin.V.Kennedy@mail.house.gov; Connie_McKenzie@stevens.senate.gov; jtrigg@coeur.com

**Subject:** *Support for Kensington Mine*

Mr. Pete Griffin, District Ranger
Alaska Region – Tongass National Forest
Juneau Ranger District
8510 Mendenhall Loop Road
Juneau, AK 99801

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Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 03:45:35

To:"Rosanne Hughes" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>,"Mike Tibbles" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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**Subject:** Fw: Your last e-mail

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From: "Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 19:49:59

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Your last e-mail

This e-mail came across in symbols, not letters -- not sure what it said.

Rosanne Hughes

Press Secretary and Communications Director

(907) 269-7450

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:48 PM

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:31 PM
**To:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: From Lynne Smith's earlier email today

It's good... It's done... And very good outcome at (literally) the end of the day!

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2008 19:32:33

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: From Lynne Smith's earlier email today

Sorry for the cluster on this...evrything that couldn't go right on this - didn't. But it's done! And great news about Larry.

----- Original Message -----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

To: Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Thu Apr 24 19:15:00 2008

Subject: Re: From Lynne Smith's earlier email today

If they're good with their contacting efforts, then it's good to be released.

------Original Message------

From: Rosanne Hughes

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Mike Tibbles

Sent: Apr 24, 2008 7:16 PM

Subject: From Lynne Smith's earlier email today

This is from Lynne's earlier e-mail today that had her edits:

FYI - Esther Cox has contacted Larry LeDoux and Privileged or She has not yet connected with Privileged or Pe, but said go ahead with the press release.

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2008 7:23 PM
**To:** Mills; Andy J (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV); Todd
**Cc:** Bluhm; Jason R (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Sorry- never mind... There's plenty of room to write on that backside with the verse as written. Thank you! It is beautiful and the First Family is honored to get to announce the additional member via your talented work!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2008 03:12:52

To:"Andy Mills" <andy.mills@alaska.gov>,"Kris Perry" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>,"Todd" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>

Cc:"Jason Bluhm" <jason.bluhm@alaska.gov>,"Beth Leschper" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Rosanne Hughes" <rosanne.hughes@alaska.gov>

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Can you eliminate the verbiage from the verse on backside so I can write on that side. It's beautiful!

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Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Working with Kris and Kate we've got this down to a final draft for review.

Thanks everyone!

-Andy

-----Original Message-----

From: Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)

Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:46 PM

To: Mills, Andy J (GOV); ExternalEmailgsp; Bailey, Frank T (GOV); 'Todd'

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Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Andy,

The Governor loved Trig's announcement and the design. Some minor verbiage changes/additions:

Under his picture, add appropriate language from verse, citing Proverbs 3:5-6.

On the inside, replace Sandburg quote with: The night breeze hums a lullaby - sweet baby, you're the reason why.

Weight should be changed to 6.3lbs and add 18 inches on the length.

Thanks! Great work.

Kris

-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Andy J (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 4:47 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); 'Todd'

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Hughes, Rosanne D (GOV)

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Attached is the draft announcement (JPEGS also attached if the PDF doesn't open). There's a blank line inside the card for Trig's length (if that's something you'd like).

This was designed to be a card of quarter page in size (4.25 by 5.5 when folded) and would look great on a shiny-ish card stock paper.

Let me know if there is anything we can change.

-Andy (and team)

-----Original Message-----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 3:13 PM

To: ExternalEmailgsp; Mills, Andy J (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

I'll get some text to Andy and we'll send you a proof.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 2:43 PM

To: Mills, Andy J (GOV); Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Leschper, Beth (GOV)

Cc: Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)

Subject: Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Beth, can you craft text for them?

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Cc:"Bluhm, Jason R (GOV)" <jason.bluhm@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

That photo is so precious...and would work great for a birth announcement.

If you have thoughts about text for a printed announcement...we'd be happy to put something together!

-Andy & Jason

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2008 1:41 PM

To: Bailey, Frank T (GOV); Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd; Bluhm, Jason R (GOV); Mills, Andy J (GOV)

Subject: Re: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

Wow! That's a beautiful picture!!! I'm going to ask Jason/Andy if this one would work for a birth announcement.

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 22 Apr 2008 13:01:20

To:"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>, fek9wnr@yahoo.com,gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Trig - Kris's Arms.jpg

From yesterday. Look at those hands!

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**To:** Hughes; Rosanne D (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
**Subject:** Re: Can't confirm all three notified

If the bd said yes, then yes... and bc they gave their approval they can not fault us later for releasing in front of them.

------Original Message------

From: Rosanne Hughes

To: Governor Sarah Palin

To: Mike Tibbles

Cc: Kris Perry

Sent: Apr 24, 2008 7:21 PM

Subject: Can't confirm all three notified

Governor, Mike T. has been trying to confirm that all three were notified but cannot confirm - cannot reach the parties who are able to confirm. Please advise if you want this to go out anyway. Standing by.

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

**Unknown**

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 10:50 AM
**To:** Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
**Subject:** FW: [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (04/25/08)

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**From:** Honeysett, Adam [mailto:Adam.Honeysett@ED.GOV]
**Sent:** Friday, April 25, 2008 5:24 AM
**To:** ED_REVIEW@LISTSERV.ED.GOV
**Subject:** [ED_REVIEW] ED Review (04/25/08)

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**April 25, 2008**

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## NCLB UPDATE

On April 22, in Detroit, Michigan, Secretary Spellings proposed new regulations to clarify and strengthen Title I of the *No Child Left Behind Act*. "I'm proposing new policy tools that will give families lifelines and empower educators to create dramatic improvement," she explained. "Many are actions that have gained broad support through conversation on how to strengthen NCLB. While I will continue working with legislators to renew this law, I also realize that students and families and teachers and schools need help now. So, at the President's request, I'm moving forward to empower educators to take actions that families have been waiting for." The proposed regulations focus on improved accountability and transparency, uniform and disaggregated graduation rates, and improved implementation of public school choice and supplemental educational services (SES).

<u>Improved Accountability and Transparency</u>

- **Assessments and Multiple Measures.** There is a misunderstanding that accountability must be based on a single measure or form of assessment. The proposed regulation clarifies states may use one test or several tests (e.g., reading and writing assessments to measure reading/language arts) and may use one format or multiple formats (e.g., multiple choice, extended response, etc.).
- **Strengthening State Assessment and Accountability Systems.** The proposed regulation requires the Secretary to create a National Technical Advisory Council (NTAC). The council will not review individual state plans but, instead, focus on technically complex issues that affect a number of states.
- **Minimum Subgroup Size and Including Students in Accountability.** Currently, there

are many students and subgroups of students excluded from Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) calculations. The proposed regulation requires states to explain how the minimum subgroup size (N-size) and other components of their AYP definition (e.g., confidence intervals, performance indexes, definitions of "full academic year," etc.) combine to supply statistically reliable information. States would be required to ensure the maximum number of students are included in AYP calculations. States would also be required to report the number and percentage of students excluded from AYP calculations. The Department will work with the NTAC on guidelines by which states will be peer reviewed.

- **Including NAEP Data on Report Cards.** The proposed regulation requires states and school districts to report the most recent results from state National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reading and math tests on the same public report card they use to report state assessments.
- **Including Individual Student Growth in AYP.** The proposed regulation sets the key criteria that states must meet in order to receive authority (under a flexibility agreement) to incorporate individual student academic progress in their definitions of AYP. The criteria closely adhere to those established in the growth model pilot program.
- **Identifying Schools for Improvement.** The proposed regulation codifies current Department policy that districts may identify schools and districts in need of improvement on the basis of not meeting annual measurable objectives (AMOs) in the same subject over consecutive years. On the other hand, districts may not limit identification to those schools that do not meet AMOs in the same subject for the same subgroup over consecutive years.
- **Restructuring.** Preliminary analysis of Department data from 36 states indicates that only 18% of schools that were identified for restructuring in 2004-05 or 2005-06 have exited restructuring status. The proposed regulation requires: interventions implemented as part of a restructuring plan must be more rigorous and comprehensive than those implemented as part of the earlier correction action plan; districts must implement strategies that address the reasons a school is in restructuring; and, when replacing school staff, districts may also replace the principal, although replacing the principal, alone, would not be sufficient to constitute restructuring.

Uniform and Disaggregated Graduation Rates

- **Uniform Definition.** Today, states have latitude in determining how graduation rates are calculated. To raise expectations and hold schools, districts, and states accountable, the proposed regulation requires all states implement a cohort graduation rate, consistent with the definition agreed to by the National Governors' Association (NGA), by the 2012-13 school year. With limited exceptions, the graduation rate would be defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular diploma divided by the number of students who entered four years earlier, adjusting for student transfers. In the interim, states that do not yet have a system to accurately track transfers or four years of data available will be required to use the Averaged Freshman Graduation Rate (AFGR).
- **Establishing Goals.** To make AYP, most states expect schools to make only a small amount of improvement from one year to the next or meet very low graduation rate goals. The proposed regulation requires states to (1) set a goal that represents the rate they expect all high schools to meet and (2) define how schools and districts may demonstrate "continuous and substantial improvement."
- **Disaggregating Data.** Data shows large disparities in the graduation rates of subgroups. The proposed regulation requires disaggregated graduation rates to be taken into account in AYP calculations. No later than 2012-13 (when all states must use the cohort graduation rate), states would be required to disaggregate the data by subgroup at the school, district, and state level for reporting and calculating AYP. Prior to 2012-13, states would be required to disaggregate the data at all levels for reporting, but disaggregated AYP calculations would be made only at the district and state level.

Improved Implementation of Public School Choice and SES

- **School Choice Notification.** In 2006-07, participation in public school choice was only 2.2% of eligible students. Parents who are notified of their options well before the start of the school year are more likely to enroll their child in a different school, yet only 29% of the districts that were required to offer choice notified parents before the start of the school year. The proposed regulation clarifies districts must alert parents about their option to transfer their child and their available schools choices sufficiently in advance of -- but no later than 14 days before -- the start of the school year.
- **SES Notification.** In 2004-05, 94% of the districts that were required to offer SES reported sending parents written notification materials regarding their options, yet, in a survey of eligible parents across eight districts, only 53% said they had been notified. The proposed regulation requires notices explain the benefits of receiving SES, be "clear and concise," and be distinguishable from other information.
- **Posting Information on the Web.** The proposed regulation requires districts to prominently display the following information on the district's web site: the number of students who were eligible for and the number of students who participated in choice and SES; a list of schools that are available to students eligible to participate in choice; and a list of SES providers approved by the state to serve the district and the locations where services are offered.
- **State Monitoring of Districts' Implementation of SES.** States have always monitored districts, but the proposed regulation requires states to develop, execute, and report on the standards and techniques for how they monitor their districts' implementation of SES.
- **Provider Approval Process.** The proposed regulation clarifies that, to be approved as a provider, an entity must provide the state with evidence that the instruction it would provide is aligned with the state's academic content and achievement standards and is "research-based." States would also be required, at a minimum, to consider: information from the provider on whether it has been removed from any states' approved list; parent recommendations or results from parental surveys, if any, regarding the success of the provider's program in increasing student achievement; and any evaluation results demonstrating that the instructional program has improved student achievement.
- **State Monitoring of Provider Effectiveness.** When monitoring the quality of an approved provider, the proposed regulation specifies states must consider, at a minimum, evidence that the provider's instructional program: is consistent with content and instruction used by the district and the state; addresses students' individual needs as described in students' SES plans; has contributed to increasing students' academic proficiency; and is aligned with the state's academic content and achievement standards. As with provider approval, states would also be required to consider parent recommendations, results from parental surveys, and other evaluation results demonstrating the success of the provider's instructional program in improving student achievement, if any.
- **Costs for Parent Outreach.** The proposed regulation allows a district to count the costs of providing parent outreach and assistance toward meeting the obligation of spending an amount equal to 20% of the district's Title I, Part A funding on choice-related transportation and SES. The actual amount that could be counted would be capped at 1% of that 20% obligation.
- **Maximizing Funds for School Choice and SES.** Currently, unspent choice and SES funds may be reallocated for other purposes. Before reallocating any unused funds, the proposed regulation requires districts to supply satisfactory evidence to the state that it has demonstrated success in: partnering with community-based organizations to inform students and parents of choice and SES options; ensuring students and their parents have had a genuine opportunity to participate (e.g., by providing timely and accurate notices; ensuring that sign-up forms are widely available and accessible, as well as have been distributed directly to eligible students and their parents; and allowing eligible students to sign-up to receive SES throughout the school year); and ensuring that providers are given access to school facilities on the same terms as other outside groups.

These proposed regulations were published in the *Federal Register* on April 23 (see http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2008-2/042308a.html). Comments are due on or before June 23. The Department will also hold four regional meetings to receive comments: on May 14, in Boston; on May 15, in Dunwoody, GA; on May 19, in Kansas City, MO; and on May 22, in Seattle. The Department expects to issue final regulations this fall. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/reg/proposal/.

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## 25 YEARS LATER

Tomorrow (April 26) is the 25th anniversary of the landmark report, *A Nation at Risk*. In recognition of "this teachable moment," the Secretary issued a white paper describing "how far we've come, and how far we need to go." Also, online, she is posing various questions related to the state of education in the U.S. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/research/pubs/risk25.html.

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## STUDENT LOAN ACCESS

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a bipartisan bill, H.R. 5715, aimed at ensuring student loans remain available, despite the shaky credit market. The bill would:

- increase the annual loan limits on federal loans by $2,000 for all students and increase the aggregate loan limits to $31,000 for dependent undergraduates and $57,500 for independent undergraduates;
- give parents more time to begin paying off their federal PLUS loans by providing them with the option to defer repayment up to six months after their children leave school;
- make sure that short-term delinquencies in mortgage payments and medical bills do not prohibit otherwise eligible parents from being able to borrow PLUS loans, by temporarily classifying as "extenuating circumstances" delinquencies on home mortgages and medical bills of up to 180 days;
- affirm that existing law gives the Secretary of Education the authority to advance federal funds to guaranty agencies, in the event that they do not have sufficient capital to originate new loans, and allow guaranty agencies to implement the functions of "lender of last resort" on a school-wide basis; and
- grant the Secretary the temporary authority to purchase loans from lenders in the federal guaranteed loan program, to make sure lenders continue to have access to capital to originate new loans -- albeit only if doing so would not result in a net cost for the federal government.

The Senate has not yet taken up its version of the bill. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://edlabor.house.gov/micro/loansact.shtml.

Note: In a recent Statement of Administration Policy (http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/legislative/sap/110-2/saphr5715-h.pdf), the White House supports most provisions of the House bill.

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## PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND PLANNING

On a related note, a new report from the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES),

"Parent Expectations and Planning for College," examines the educational expectations parents have for their children and the higher education planning practices of families and schools. A sample of sixth-through twelfth-graders were surveyed in early 2003. About nine out of 10 students (91%) had parents who expected them to continue their education beyond high school, while two-thirds (65%) had parents who expected them to earn a bachelor's degree or higher. Among students whose parents expected them to continue their education, 82% had parents who reported that the family was planning on helping to pay their child's higher education costs. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2008079.

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## BEATING THE ODDS

"Beating the Odds," the Council of the Great City School's eighth annual analysis of state-mandated tests in 67 big city school districts in 37 states, reveals urban systems are continuing to improve in reading and math. Indeed, 60% of students scored proficient or above in fourth-grade reading in 2007 (a gain of nine percentage points from 2003), and 51% were proficient or above in eighth-grade reading (a gain of eight percentage points from 2003). For math, 63% of students scored proficient or above in fourth-grade during 2007 (a gain of 14 percentage points from 2003), while 55% were proficient or above in eighth-grade (a gain of 13 percentage points from 2003). Several urban districts (seven in reading and six in math) had both fourth- and eighth-grade scores equal to or greater than their respective states, and the racial achievement gap between urban systems and their respective states generally declined. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.cgcs.org/publications/achievement.aspx.

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## WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT

On April 24, President Bush and Secretary Spellings hosted community leaders, educators, and policymakers at a White House Summit on Inner-City Children and Faith-Based Schools. The summit underscored the need to preserve educational alternatives for underserved students attending chronically under-performing schools. Despite their successes, faith-based urban schools are disappearing at a high rate. From 2000 to 2006, almost 1,200 faith-based urban schools closed, displacing 425,000 students. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/education/whschoolsummit/.

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## QUOTE TO NOTE

"Twenty-five years ago, in a landmark report, *A Nation at Risk*, some of America's finest minds warned of the consequences of inaction. They wrote, 'If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war. As it happens, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves.' Yet, even today, a quarter of a century later, many of the actions that *A Nation at Risk* recommended in 1983 continue to be largely ignored. Raising academic standards, making coursework more rigorous, and using classroom time more effectively. These proposals were not unreasonable then, and they're not unreasonable now."

-- Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings (4/22/08), proposing new *No Child Left Behind* regulations

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration for the Department's Teacher-to-Teacher summer workshops opens April 30. These

workshops offer educators a free opportunity to participate in high-quality professional development. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.t2tweb.us/Workshops/Schedule.asp.

May 5-9 is National Charter Schools Week. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.publiccharters.org/content/publication/detail/3936/.

On May 15, in Memphis, the Department's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and Office of Innovation and Improvement will conduct a regional summit to spotlight educational innovations. The summit is free, but parties must register online in advance of the meeting. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/suppserv-workshops.html.

The next "Education News Parents Can Use" broadcast, on high-performing teachers, is scheduled for May 20 (8:00 p.m. ET). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.ed.gov/edtv/.

On the heels of the Masters golf tournament, students can nominate or urge their third- through fifth-grade teachers to apply for the 2009 Phil Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy, an all-expenses paid camp where teachers learn about math and science through fun activities. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO http://www.sendmyteacher.com/.

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